



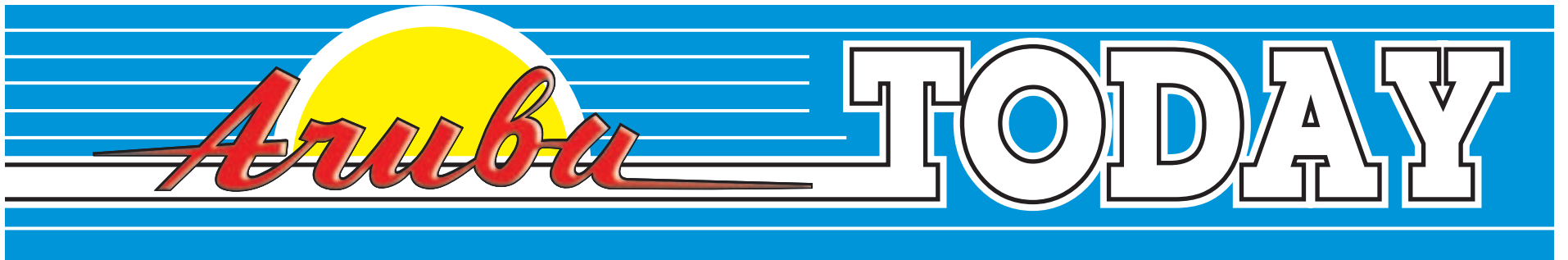
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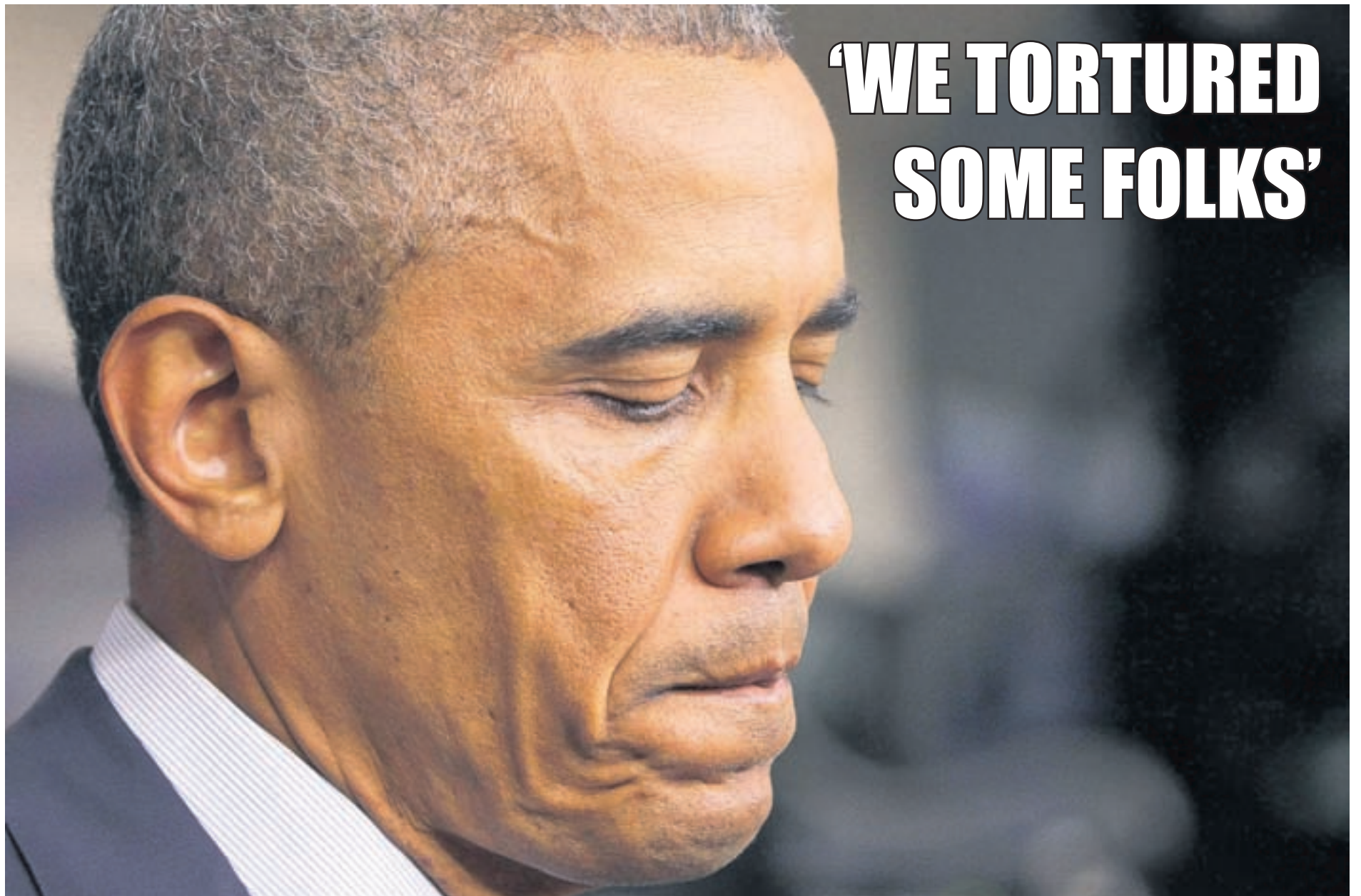


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President Barack Obama speaks in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. The president spoke on various topics including the economy, immigration, Ukraine and the Middle East.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Obama Says US Crossed the Line After Sept. 11

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AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States tortured al Qaeda detainees captured after the Sept. 11, 2001 9/11 attacks, President Obama said Friday, in some of his most expansive comments to date about a controversial set of CIA practices

that he banned after taking office.

"We tortured some folks," Obama said at a televised news conference at the White House. "We did some things that were contrary to our values."

Addressing the impending release of a Senate report that criticizes CIA

treatment of detainees, Obama said he believed the mistreatment stemmed from the pressure national security officials felt to forestall another attack. He said Americans should not be too "sanctimonious," about passing judgment through the lens of a seemingly safer present day.

That view, which he expressed as a candidate for national office in 2008 and early in his presidency, explains why Obama did not push to pursue criminal charges against the Bush era officials who carried out the CIA program. To this day, many of those officials insist that what they

did was not torture, which is a felony under U.S. law. The president's comments are a blow to those former officials, as well as an estimated 200 people currently working at the CIA who played some role in the interrogation program.

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Israel pushes deeper in Gaza after soldier seized

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Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Backed by tank fire and airstrikes, Israeli forces pushed deep into southern Gaza on Friday, searching for an Israeli army officer believed to be captured by Hamas fighters during deadly clashes that shattered an internationally brokered cease-fire.

The apparent capture of the soldier and the collapse of the truce set the stage for a possible expansion of Israel's 25-day-old military operation against Hamas.

President Barack Obama and U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon called for the immediate release of the soldier but also appealed for restraint. In Israel, senior Cabinet ministers convened late Friday in a rare emergency meeting after the start of the Jewish Sabbath.

The search for the missing soldier centered on the outskirts of the town of Rafah, on the Egypt-Gaza border. At least 140 Palestinians were killed Friday in Gaza, with at least 70 killed in the Rafah area along with two Israeli soldiers.

Earlier Friday, Israel and Hamas accused each other of breaking the truce, which had been announced by the U.S. and the U.N., and took effect at 8 a.m.

The breakdown meant there would be no reprieve for the 1.7 million residents of Gaza, where large parts have been devastated by airstrikes and shelling, and at least 1,600 people — mostly civilians — have been killed and more than 8,000 wounded. Israel has lost 63 soldiers and three civilians.

The fighting in the Rafah area continued into the night, with residents reporting airstrikes along the Egypt-Gaza frontier as well as heavy tank and artillery shelling. The Israeli military said it was searching for the missing soldier and had sent automated calls or text messages to Rafah residents to stay indoors. "We are under fire, every minute or so tanks fire shells at us," said Rafah resident Ayman Al-Arja. "I have



Palestinians run for cover during clashes with Israeli soldiers following a protest against the war in the Gaza Strip, outside Ofer, an Israeli military prison near the West Bank city of Ramallah, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014.

(AP Photo/Majdi Mohammed)

been thinking of leaving since 2 p.m., but tank fire can reach anywhere, and I was scared they will hit my pickup truck. Now we are sitting in the stairwell, 11 members of my family, my brother, his nine children and wife. We just have water to drink and the radio to hear the news."

The 45-year-old Al-Arja added: "We are just staying put waiting for God's mercy."

The heavy shelling in Rafah was part of operational and intelligence activity to locate the missing officer, 2nd Lt. Hadar Goldin, the Israeli military said.

An hour after the cease-fire began, gunmen emerged from one or more Gaza tunnels and opened fire at Israeli soldiers, with at least one of the militants detonating an explosives vest, said Israeli army spokesman Lt. Col. Peter Lerner.

Goldin, a 23-year-old from the central Israeli town of Kfar Saba, was apparently captured in the ensuing mayhem, while another two Israeli soldiers were killed.

"We suspect that he has been kidnapped," Lerner said. Obama called for Goldin's unconditional and immediate release and said it would be difficult to put the cease-fire back together. However, he said the U.S. will continue working toward a cease-fire.

He said Israel committed to the truce, but at the same time called the situation in Gaza "heartbreaking" and repeated calls for Israel to do more to prevent Palestinian civilian casualties.

"Innocent civilians caught in the crossfire have to weigh on our conscience, and we have to do more," Obama said. He added that Israel must be able to defend itself, but that irresponsible actions by Hamas have put civilians in danger.

Israel has gone to great lengths in the past to get back its captured soldiers. In 2011, it traded hundreds of Palestinian prisoners for an Israeli soldier who had been captured by Hamas-allied militants in 2006.

Poland marks 70th anniversary of Warsaw Uprising

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Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Sirens let out a long and mournful wail and people and traffic stood still on the streets of Warsaw on Friday as Poland commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, a revolt against Nazi Germany that ended tragically for the Poles.

On Aug. 1, 1944, thousands of poorly-armed young city residents rose up against the German forces to try to take control of Warsaw ahead of the advancing Soviet army. They held on for 63 days in the cut-off city before being forced to surrender.

Almost 200,000 fighters and civilians were killed in



People hold burning flares to commemorate the 70. anniversary of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising in Warsaw, Poland, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014.

(AP Photo/Czarek Sokolowski)

street fights and in German bombings. The Nazis expelled the survivors and set the city ablaze.

President Bronislaw Komorowski joined hundreds of the surviving insurgents for a series of ceremonies that honored the heroic struggle that remains a source of pride for the Poles. □

Obama

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In 2009, Obama said he preferred to "look forward, not backwards," on the issue, and he decided that no CIA officer who was following legal guidance - however flawed that guidance turned out to be - should be prosecuted. A long-running criminal investigation into whether the CIA exceeded the guidance - which is an allegation of the Senate report - was closed in 2012 without charges. Still, Obama's remarks on Friday were more emphatic than his previous comments on the subject, including a May 2009 speech in which he trumpeted his ban of "so-called enhanced interrogation techniques," and "brutal methods," but did not flatly say the U.S. had engaged in torture.

At an April 2009 news conference, he said, "I believe that waterboarding was torture and, whatever legal rationales were used, it was a mistake."

In addition to water boarding, the CIA used stress positions, sleep deprivation, nudity, humiliation, cold and other tactics that, taken together, were extremely brutal, the Senate report is expected to say. Obama on Friday did not mention a specific method, but he said the CIA used techniques that "any fair minded person would believe were torture."

"We crossed a line," he said. "That needs to be understood and accepted... We did some things that were wrong, and that's what that report reflects." Obama on Friday did not address two other central arguments of the soon-to-be-released Senate report - that the brutal interrogations didn't produce life-saving intelligence, and that the CIA lied to other elements of the U.S. government about exactly what it was doing.

The president also expressed confidence in his CIA director, John Brennan, in the wake of an internal CIA report documenting that the spy agency improperly accessed Senate computers. □

Congress backs Israel's Iron Dome missile defense

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The U.S. Senate on Friday rushed through a \$225 million bill to replenish Israel's missile defense system, and House approval was

days after the Pentagon announced ammunition deliveries to the Jewish state and as a planned 72-hour cease-fire between Israel and Hamas unraveled almost as quickly as it began.

assistance money. That bill failed to get the necessary 60 votes on Thursday, and the House had little interest in it, anyway. Friday's separate Israel bill passed by voice vote.

At a White House news

has emerged as a game-changer in the current round of violence, with Israeli officials citing a success rate as high as 90 percent.

The system uses radar, advanced tracking technology and anti-missile batteries to follow the trajectory of an incoming rocket or mortar and determine if it is headed for a major population center. If an urban area is threatened, interceptors are fired to detonate in the air in close proximity to the missile. Projectiles not posing a threat are allowed to fall in empty fields. The system targets short-range rockets with a range between 2 miles and 45 miles; interceptors cost as much \$100,000 apiece. Created by Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, Iron Dome has enjoyed strong U.S. technological and financial support.

Throughout its history, the U.S. has provided more than \$700 million to help Israel cover costs for batteries, interceptors, production costs and maintenance, the Congressional Research Service said. The total already appeared set to climb above \$1 billion after Senate appropriators doubled the Obama administration's request for Iron Dome funding for fiscal 2015. Now it seems likely to rise even further, with Obama expected to sign any bill swiftly into law. □



Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., the ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, speaks to reporters in the Senate subway at the Capitol in Washington. The U.S. Senate on Friday rushed through a \$225 million bill to replenish Israel's missile defense system, and House approval was expected in the final hours before lawmakers began a summer break.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

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The money will go to restocking Israel's Iron Dome, which has been credited with shooting down dozens of incoming rockets fired by Palestinian militants over three and a half weeks of war. The vote came two

Efforts in the Senate to approve the money stalled Thursday night after Republican Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma sought cuts elsewhere in the budget to pay for the aid. Earlier, senators attempted to lump the Israel money into a broader spending bill that included border security and wildfire

conference Friday, President Barack Obama reiterated his support for Israel's right to self-defense while urging greater protection for Palestinian civilians. He cited Iron Dome as a concrete way the U.S. is helping "make sure that Israel is able to protect its citizens." The Iron Dome system

Law changed to allow 'unlocking' cellphones

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama signed a bill into law on Friday making it legal once again to unlock a cellphone without permission from a wireless provider, so long as the service contract has expired. Copyright law prohibits circumventing digital locks on technological devices. But for several years, cellphones were granted an exemption by government copyright lawyers as a way of making it easier for consumers to change carriers

and recycle old phones. Then under industry pressure, the Library of Congress - which oversees copyright law - agreed to let the exemption lapse as of January 2013, infuriating consumer advocates who say phone owners should be able to do whatever they want with a device once a contract expires. Wireless providers have said digital locks on cellphones protect their business model: phones are often sold at a steep discount in exchange for long-term service contracts. If a consumer doesn't want to be

tied to a particular carrier, they can always pay the higher price of a device that's already unlocked, industry officials say.

The Library of Congress agreed with that logic in its latest ruling.


But public backlash was fierce and several wireless providers responded by outlining a set of voluntary industry standards for unlocking. Consumer advocates said the process remained slow and cumbersome.

They wanted tech-savvy consumers to be able to unlock phones by them-

selves or use a third-party, which the new legislation allows.

The bill doesn't apply to other wireless devices such as tablets, but directs the Library of Congress to consider whether consumers should be allowed to unlock those as well.


The legislation is only effective until the Library of Congress issues its next ruling, most likely in late 2015. But consumer advocates hope that the popular legislation will be enough to convince the federal office that it should continue to allow unlocking. □

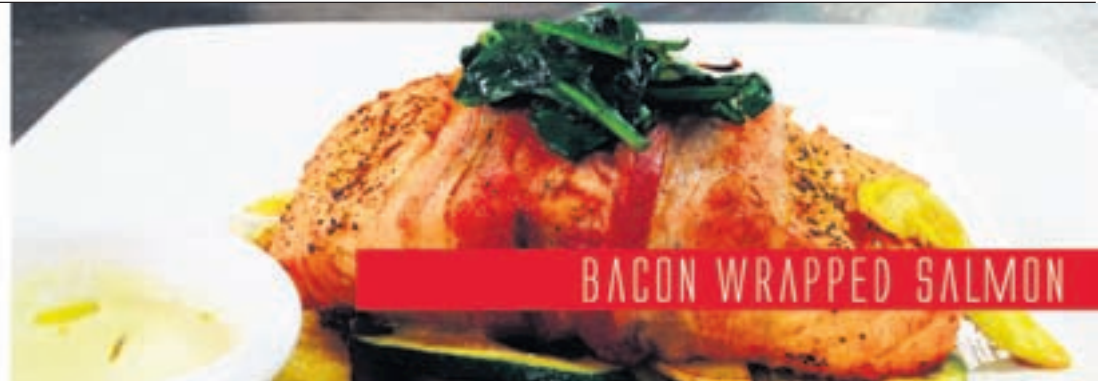


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Cantor, ex-majority leader, to leave Congress early

STEVE KENNY

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WASHINGTON - Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., whose last day as House majority leader was Thursday, said Friday that he would resign his seat effective Aug. 18 in hopes that his successor will be able to participate in the lame-duck session after the November elections. Cantor, 51, made the announcement in an op-ed article published on The Richmond Times-Dispatch website.

He lost the Republican primary in his Northern Virginia district in June to David Brat, a little-known and more conservative candidate with Tea Party backing. The results shocked Washington and led to a shake-up in the House leadership after Cantor said he

would resign as the No. 2 House Republican. He said he hoped to prevent an intraparty fight from festering in the months before the midterm elections. But the news that he would give up his seat early was a surprise.

"It is vitally important that the constituents have a clear and strong voice during the consequential lame-duck session of Congress," Cantor wrote in The Times-Dispatch. "The issues that will be considered during the lame-duck session this year will be crucial to the future of our country. These debates will continue into the new Congress, and the people of this district deserve to have their new voice representing them and engaging on their behalf."



Outgoing House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) exits the House Floor following departing remarks at the U.S. Capitol, in Washington, July 31, 2014. Cantor, whose last day as majority leader was Thursday, said on Friday that he would resign his seat effective Aug. 18 in hopes that his successor will be able to participate in the lame-duck session after the November elections.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

Cantor, who has served in Congress for 14 years, said that he would ask Virginia's Democratic governor, Terry McAuliffe, to call a special election for his seat on Nov. 4 - the same day as the general election - a move that would allow the winner to take Cantor's seat immediately rather than wait for the next Congress to be seated in January. The winner would also enjoy seniority over the other Representatives first elected that day. McAuliffe told the newspaper that he was "heartsick" about Cantor's loss because the state was losing a senior voice in Congress, but there was no indication whether he would honor the request for a special election. Gregg Harper, R-Miss., said that he was surprised by Cantor's resignation. "I had not heard any rumblings that he might leave early," Harper said. "From a selfish standpoint, I hate to see him leave, but from a personal stand-

point, I respect him." Robin Kelly, D-Ill., said, "Maybe he has other things that have come up that he wants to get involved with, so I'm not shocked." Virginia's 7th Congressional District is conservative, which would favor Brat's chances in November, when he will face the Democratic nominee, Jack Trammell, and James Carr, a Libertarian. Both Brat and Trammell are professors at Randolph-Macon College. Cantor gave no indication that he was considering an earlier-than-expected exit from Congress during an emotional address Thursday as he stepped down as majority leader. But in retrospect, that speech seemed more like a farewell address to colleagues. In recalling his service in Congress, he said he would treasure memories of "walking into this building and onto this floor that excited me every day since I was first elected to Congress." □





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Wisconsin girl, 12, not competent for trial in stabbing

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Associated Press

WAUKESHA, Wisconsin (AP)

— One of two 12-year-old girls accused of stabbing a classmate 19 times to please a fictional horror character was ordered Friday to receive treatment rather than stand trial, based on doctors' testimony that she claims to see and have conversations with things others cannot — including unicorns and a Harry Potter villain.

The judge also ordered the girl be evaluated and treated either in a hospital or in a juvenile detention center, where she is currently being held. Doctors have a year to restore her to competency in order to proceed with a trial. If it cannot be restored, she could be held in a treatment center.

Judge Michael Bohren acted after receiving reports from two doctors and hearing from attorneys. He set a hearing for Nov. 12 to get an update on her condition.

The girl's attorney previously said he believed she was mentally ill and a primary goal would be to have her case moved from adult to juvenile court, where more mental health and other services might be available.

Wisconsin law requires any-

one age 10 or older to be charged as adults in severe crimes. The Associat-

ed Press is not naming the girls because both of their attorneys had said they will



One of the two girls accused of stabbing another girl is led into the courtroom during court proceedings at Waukesha County Court in Waukesha, Mich., Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. One of two 12-year-old girls charged as an adult with stabbing a classmate to please a fictional online horror character is mentally incompetent and can't stand trial, a judge said Friday.

(AP Photo/Michael Sears)

try to get the cases moved. According to court documents, the girls plotted for months to kill their friend — who survived the attack — to curry favor with Slender Man, a character in horror stories they read online. They told investigators they believed Slender Man had a mansion in a Wisconsin forest and they planned to go live with him after the slaying.

Dr. Brooke Lundbohm of the Wisconsin Forensic Unit testified Friday that she interviewed the girl in June. The girl claims to see and hear things that others cannot — including unicorns, Slender Man and Voldemort, an antagonist in the Harry Potter series, Lundbohm said.

A psychiatrist hired by the defense, Kenneth Robbins, testified that the girl was more concerned about her relationship with Slender Man than she was about going to prison. She said she communicated telepathically with Slender Man and feared he would harm her or her family if she said too much about him,

Robbins said.

He said she also speaks and sees Voldemort and another Harry Potter character, Snape.

The girl who was found mentally incompetent hosted the other two at a May 30 slumber party to celebrate her birthday. The next morning, the two girls attacked the victim in a wooded park. The other girl told investigators that she told the victim to lie down and be quiet after the stabbing so that she would lose blood more slowly. The girl said she hoped to convince the victim to be quiet so the victim would not draw attention to them and would die.

Once the attackers left, the 12-year-old victim crawled from the woods to a road where a passing bicyclist found her. Doctors later told police the girl had narrowly escaped death because the knife just missed a major artery near her heart.

The child has since been released from the hospital and is recovering at home. □

NYC Official: Police chokehold caused man's death

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)

— A white police officer's chokehold on a black New York City man last month caused his death, the medical examiner announced Friday, ruling it a homicide.

The officer used the chokehold on Eric Garner during his arrest last month for selling untaxed, loose cigarettes.

Garner, 43, was killed by "the compression of his chest and prone positioning during physical restraint by police," said medical examiner spokeswoman

Julie Bolcer. Asthma, heart disease and obesity were contributing factors, she said.

Garner's videotaped confrontation with police has caused widespread outcry and calls by Rev. Al Sharpton, a prominent civil rights activist, for federal prosecution. Sharpton believes chokeholds are used disproportionately on minorities. Chokeholds are prohibited by the New York Police Department. The case is being investigated by local prosecutors.

The NYPD didn't immediately respond to a re-

quest for comment on the medical examiner's ruling. The officer who put Garner in the chokehold was stripped of his gun and badge pending the investigation, and another was placed on desk duty. Two paramedics and two Emergency Medical Technicians were suspended without pay.

Police Commissioner William Bratton has said the officer appeared to have placed Garner in a chokehold and has ordered a top-to-bottom redesigning of use-of-force training in the NYPD. □



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US consumer spending up 0.4% in June

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumer spending rose at the fastest pace in three months in June, providing momentum for the economy going into the second half of the year.

Consumer spending increased 0.4 percent in June on a seasonally adjusted basis following slower increases of 0.3 percent in May and 0.1 percent in April, the Commerce Department said Friday.

That was the best showing since a 0.8 percent surge in spending in March, which reflected a rebound after a harsh winter had kept consumers from the malls and auto showrooms.

Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for two-thirds of economic activity.

Americans saw earnings rise 0.4 percent in June, matching the May increase. Income growth has lagged in this recovery but has shown recent signs of some acceleration.

Paul Dales, a senior U.S. economist at Capital Eco-

nomics, said the strong gains in employment over the past six months should support stronger consumer spending in the second half of this year. He predicted that consumer spending will increase at

modest 2.3 percent average growth rate in spending over the last two years. A key measure of inflation favored by the Federal Reserve increased a modest 0.2 percent in June, slightly below the 0.3 percent May

tic product, surged at an annual rate of 4 percent in the April-June quarter. Many analysts believe the current rebound will prove long-lasting and they are forecasting healthy growth of 3 percent or better in



Dawn Heigl, a waitress at The Harp, serves food at the restaurant in Wilmington, N.C. The Commerce Department reported positive news on how much U.S. consumers spent and earned in June on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014.

(AP Photo/The Star-News, Matt Born)

an annual rate of 3 percent in the next six months, an increase from a more

increase. Over the past 12 months, this measure of inflation is up 1.6 percent, still below the Fed's target of 2 percent but above the lows of the past two years. Excluding food and energy, prices are up an even slower 1.5 percent over the past 12 months.

The absence of inflationary pressures has given the Fed the leeway to focus on keeping interest rates at ultra-low levels to foster stronger job growth although this inflation gauge has moved up from the lows of the past two years.

In a separate report Friday, the Labor Department said that the economy created 209,000 jobs in July, the sixth straight month that job growth has been above 200,000.

Economists believe the stronger job will support stronger income gains in coming months, giving households the ability to boost their spending.

After a dismal winter caused the economy to shrink in the January-March quarter, the government reported this week that overall growth, as measured by the gross domes-

the second half of this year and into 2015.

The stronger growth has prompted some economists to predict that the Fed will decide to start increasing a key short-term interest rate sooner than expected.

Fed officials completed a two-day meeting this week with a decision to leave that rate unchanged at a record low near zero, where it has been since late 2008.

The Fed said it planned to keep the rate at that level for a "considerable time" after it stops its monthly bond purchases.

Charles Plosser, president of the Fed's Philadelphia regional bank, dissented from this action, and in a statement released Friday said he felt that given the strength already seen in the labor markets and the increase in inflation from last year's low levels, it was no longer appropriate for the Fed to keep stating that it expected rates could remain low for a "considerable time" after the bond purchases end, which is expected to occur in October. □

US construction spending falls 1.8 percent in June

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) U.S. construction spending fell in June by the largest amount in more than three years as housing, non-residential construction and government spending all weakened.

Construction spending dropped 1.8 percent in June on a seasonally adjusted basis after rising by a revised 0.8 percent in May, the Commerce Department reported Friday. It was the biggest setback since a 2.8 percent fall in January 2011.

The weakness was widespread with spending on housing down for a second straight month, falling 0.3 percent, while non-residential building activity fell 1.6 percent, the biggest decrease since January. Spending on government projects dropped 4 percent, the biggest decline in more than a decade.

The June performance represented a setback to hopes stronger construction activity will help support overall economic growth.

The decline in housing reflected a 1.4 percent fall in spending on single-family construction which offset a 2.5 percent rise in the smaller apartment sector. Even with the two months of declines, housing construction is still 7.4 percent above the level of a year ago.

The drop in non-residential activity reflected weakness in hotel construction and the category that includes shopping malls. Non-residential building is 11.2 percent higher than a year ago.

The 4 percent fall in government projects was the biggest one-month setback since government building tumbled by 6 percent in March 2002. The June weakness reflected a 5.2 percent decline in state and local government projects which offset a 10.4 percent rise in spending on federal building projects. □



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US Financial Front:

American job growth eases but tops 200K for 6th month

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers extended their solid hiring into July by adding 209,000 jobs. It was the sixth straight month of job growth above 200,000, evidence that businesses are gradually shedding the caution that had marked the 5-year-old recovery. July's gain was less than in the previous three months, though, and probably wasn't strong enough to suggest that the Federal Reserve will soon raise interest rates to curb inflation.

But the Labor Department's monthly jobs report Friday pointed to an economy that has bounced back with force after a grim start to the year and is expected to sustain its strength into 2015. Along with the consistent job growth, consumer spending is rising, manufacturing is strengthening and auto sales are up.

The unemployment rate ticked up in July to 6.2 percent from 6.1 percent as more Americans started looking for work. Most didn't find jobs, but the increase suggests that they're more optimistic about their prospects. The jobless aren't counted as unemployed unless they're actively seeking work.

Average job gains over the past six months reached 244,000 in July, the best such monthly average in eight years.

"Job growth slowed in July after heated gains in the past three months," Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, noted in a research note. "But hiring trends remain solid, reflecting a strengthening economy."

Stock market indexes fell

in early-afternoon trading. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dipped, suggesting less concern about a Fed rate increase.

The pickup in hiring has yet to translate, however, into larger paychecks for most Americans, a factor that has hobbled the recovery. In July, average hourly earnings ticked up just a penny to \$24.45. That's just 2 percent higher than it was 12 months earlier and is slightly below current inflation of 2.1 percent. In a

healthy economy, wages before inflation would rise 3.5 percent to 4 percent annually.

The proportion of working-age adults who either have a job or are looking for one rose slightly in July from a 35-year low to 62.9 percent. It was the first increase in four months.

Weak pay gains are restraining the housing market, usually a key driver of growth. A measure of signed contracts to buy homes slipped in June, the

National Association of Realtors said this week.

Pay has failed to accelerate in part because many Americans are still uncertain about the economy's long-term health, said Mike Schenk, a senior economist at the Credit Union National Association.

Schenk expects wages to pick up once the unemployment rate falls to around 5.5 percent — a level at which some businesses will have to increase pay to keep workers and

some employees will be more confident asking for a raise.

"People are still bruised," Schenk said. "I don't think they feel comfortable, generally speaking, walking in and asking for raises at this point."

Still, Friday's report echoes other data that point to an improving economy. Growth accelerated during the April-June quarter, the government said Wednesday, after contracting sharply in the first three months of the year. Last quarter's rebound assuaged fears that growth was too weak to support this year's rapid hiring.

And on Friday, the government said consumer spending and income picked up in June. A separate report showed that manufacturing expanded in July at the fastest pace in more than three years as new orders surged, production rose and factories ramped up hiring.

Investors remain wary, though, about whether the broad economic improvements will lead the Fed to raise its benchmark short-term rate sooner than expected. □



Job seekers wait in line to meet with recruiters during a job fair in Philadelphia. The government issues the July jobs report on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

US manufacturing expands again in July

PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — US manufacturing expanded for the 14th straight month in July in a good sign for the overall economy.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, reported Friday that its manufacturing index rose to 57.1, highest level since April 2011 and up from 55.3 in June.

Anything above 50 signals that manufacturing is grow-

ing.

Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a research note that the index was consistent with overall economic growth of 3.5 percent.

The U.S. economy already has been showing renewed strength. Economic growth clocked in an impressive 4 percent annual pace from April through June after getting off to a bad start the first three months of the year. And the Labor Department said Friday that

employers added more than 200,000 jobs in July for the sixth straight month. Factories created 28,000 jobs in July, most since November. Over the past year, manufacturers have added 178,000 jobs, best 12-month stretch of hiring since November 2012.

Dales wrote that the ISM report "suggests that manufacturing payrolls may soon start to rise by close to 50,000 a month rather than July's 28,000."

American factories have

been busy. The Commerce Department reported last week that orders for durable goods rose 0.7 percent in June, and a category seen as a proxy for business investment plans rose a healthy 1.4 percent.

The ISM reported that new orders, production and employment at factories rose. Exports declined last month. Seventeen of 18 industries covered by the survey showed growth last month. Only wood products contracted. □

Ebola outbreak moving faster than control efforts

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CONAKRY, Guinea (AP) —

An Ebola outbreak that has killed more than 700 people in West Africa is moving faster than efforts to control the disease, the head of the World Health Organization warned as presidents from the affected countries met Friday in Guinea's capital.

Dr. Margaret Chan, the WHO's director-general, said the meeting in Conakry "must be a turning point" in the battle against Ebola, which is now sickening people in three African capitals for the first time in history.

"If the situation continues to deteriorate, the consequences can be catastrophic in terms of lost lives but also severe socio-economic disruption and a high risk of spread to other countries," she said, as the WHO formally launched a \$100 million response plan that includes deploying hundreds more health care workers.

Medecins Sans Frontieres,

also known as Doctors Without Borders, said the WHO pledge "needs to translate to immediate and

did not have the resources to expand further.

Doctors Without Borders said its teams are over-

beria is now "dire."

"Over the last weeks, there has been a significant surge in the epidemic - the num-

through direct contact with bodily fluids, many sick patients have refused to go to isolation centers and have infected family members and other caregivers.

The fatality rate has been about 60 percent, and the scenes of patients bleeding from the eyes, mouth and ears has led many relatives to keep their sick family members at home instead. Sierra Leone is now sending teams door-to-door in search of Ebola patients and others who have been exposed to the disease.

Chan emphasized Friday that the general public "is not at high risk of infection," but also said the Ebola virus should not be allowed to circulate widely.

"Constant mutation and adaptation are the survival mechanisms of viruses and other microbes," she said. "We must not give this virus opportunities to deliver more surprises."

Randy Schoepp, chief of diagnostics at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, which is running the only lab in Liberia testing Ebola samples, said: "The virus is getting to large, dense, city areas. We're now getting samples (to test) from all over."

But he said he thinks "we're only seeing a small portion of the cases out there," partly because many drivers are scared to transport vials of blood that may contain Ebola to the lab.

Other countries are taking precautions to prevent the spread of Ebola.

The African Union mission in Somalia canceled a planned troop rotation by Sierra Leonean forces in an effort to prevent Ebola from crossing into the Horn of Africa country, the military said.

Seychelles forfeited an African Cup qualifying game and withdrew from the competition Thursday rather than allow Sierra Leone's soccer team to travel to the Indian Ocean island. And a cyclist from Sierra Leone competed in the Commonwealth Games after testing negative for Ebola. □



Liberian soldiers, left rear, walk through streets as other drive, right, to prevent panic as fears of the deadly Ebola virus spread in the city of Monrovia, Liberia, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. An Ebola outbreak that has killed more than 700 people in West Africa is moving faster than the efforts to control the disease, the head of the World Health Organization warned.

(AP Photo/Abbas Dulleh)

effective action." While the group has deployed some 550 health workers, it said it

whelmed with new Ebola patients in Sierra Leone and that the situation in Li-

ber of cases has increased dramatically in Sierra Leone and Liberia, and the disease has spread to many more villages and towns," the organization said in a statement. "After a lull in new cases in Guinea, there has been a resurgence in infections and deaths in the past week."

At least 729 people have died since cases first emerged in March: 339 in Guinea, 233 in Sierra Leone, 156 in Liberia and one in Nigeria.

Two American health workers in Liberia have been infected, and an American man of Liberian descent died in Nigeria from the disease, health authorities there say.

Plans were underway to bring the two American aid workers — Nancy Writebol and Dr. Kent Brantly — back to the U.S. A small private jet based in Atlanta has been dispatched to Liberia. Officials said the jet was outfitted with a special, portable tent designed for transporting patients with highly infectious diseases. While health officials say the virus is transmitted only



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Ukraine: Body parts retrieved at jet crash site

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Associated Press

HRABOVE, Ukraine (AP) —

Wearing gloves and carrying blue plastic buckets,

combed a patch of scrubland not far from the site of bloody clashes between Ukrainian soldiers and pro-Russian separatist rebels. The team's top priority:

head of the Dutch recovery mission, said in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev that the experts were able to gather some of the human remains. He would not

The overall area to explore covers more than 8 square miles (20 square kilometers). "If we have maximum capacity, we think we need at least three weeks to do a full search, but that's a very thin prospect," he said.

The objects collected included papers and books belonging to some of the 298 people killed aboard the Boeing 777 that was shot down on July 17 with what the West says was a Russian-made missile fired by the rebels.

In a haphazard effort overseen by the rebels, more than 200 bodies were collected by rescue workers and were turned over to Dutch authorities last week for examination and identification. Everything discovered Friday was first identified and photographed, then put into bags by recovery workers wearing protective gear. The bags were then placed in the blue buckets.

Some recovery experts photographed pieces of the plane's fuselage and tail. Rebel fighters guarded the perimeter of the zone

and kept their distance from the investigators.

The remains will be put in refrigerated train cars Saturday, taken 190 miles (300 kilometers) to the city of Kharkiv and then flown to the Netherlands. Nearly 200 of the victims were Dutch.

"Perseverance pays off," Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said. "The first step has been taken, but the security situation is still volatile." Several hours before the team arrived at the crash site outside the village of Hrabove, at least 10 Ukrainian soldiers were killed when their convoy was ambushed by rebels in a town 12 miles (20 kilometers) to the south.

Thirteen more soldiers were unaccounted for after the attack, officials said, and the bodies of four other people were being examined to determine whether they were soldiers or rebels. The investigators plus officials with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe traveled to the crash site from the rebel-held city of Donetsk in 15 cars and a bus. □



Australian investigators examine the area of the Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 plane crash in the village of Hrabove, Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. The investigators from the Netherlands and Australia plus officials with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe traveled from the rebel-held city of Donetsk in 15 cars and a bus to the crash site outside the village of Hrabove. Then they started setting up a base to work from at a chicken farm.

(AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)

international investigators finally began gathering up body parts and victims' belongings Friday in the fields where Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 came down. Artillery boomed in the distance as the 70-member team of Dutch and Australian experts painstakingly

collecting the remains of as many as 80 victims that have been lying out in the open, baking in the mid-summer heat, for more than two weeks because investigators were prevented by the fighting from reaching the scene.

Pieter-Jaap Aalbersberg,

give details out of respect for the victims' relatives.

The pace set Friday hinted at the magnitude of the task ahead.

Aalbersberg said a team of 30 experts spent two hours after lunchtime searching an area of just 30 square yards (25 square meters).

Italy, Poland vie for top EU foreign policy job

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BRUSSELS (AP) — As the European Union struggles to respond to what it perceives as Russia's aggressive meddling in Ukraine, Italy and Poland are staking their claims to provide the bloc's new foreign-policy chief — kicking off a race in which the candidates' views of Moscow will likely be decisive. Incumbent Catherine Ashton's term as the 28-nation bloc's top diplomat ends in October. The position has gained profile in recent years with Ashton taking the lead in six-power negotiations on Iran's nuclear program that also involve the United States.

Italian Premier Matteo Renzi's office said Friday it officially nominated Foreign

Minister Federica Mogherini for the position, while the Polish government advertised its foreign minister, Radek Sikorski, as "just right" for the task.

Several eastern European governments reject Mogherini, a 41-year-old center-left politician who has been a minister only since February. They think she lacks experience and is too Moscow-friendly because of Italy's close business ties with Russia and the country's reliance on Russian energy supplies.

Sikorski is esteemed by many eastern Europeans for his outspoken and critical stance toward Russia, but that makes EU leaders fear his appointment would make reconciliation with Moscow still harder.

The 51-year-old, Poland's

conservative foreign minister since 2007, established a pragmatic working relationship with Moscow despite his distrust of Russia. Since Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, however, Sikorski repeatedly called on NATO to set up a permanent base in Poland, which Moscow would consider a provocation. Overall, Mogherini's chances seem higher than Sikorski's, also because the bloc's center-right leaders already secured other top EU jobs. Potential compromise candidates reportedly include Dutch Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans and EU Development Aid Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva of Bulgaria, though they haven't been nominated by their governments. □

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A criminal evidence building is seen collapsed after an attack by Islamic hard-line militias in Benghazi, Libya, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. Islamic hard-line militias, including the group accused by the United States in a 2012 attack that killed the ambassador and three other Americans, claimed control of Libya's second largest city, Benghazi, after overrunning army barracks and seizing heavy weapons. (AP Photo)

Tunisia: Libya borders closed after violence

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RAS AJDIR, Tunisia (AP) — Tunisia closed its main border crossing with Libya on Friday after thousands of stranded Egyptian and foreign nationals, fleeing militias' fighting and violence in Libya, tried to break through the passage, the Tunisian news agency said. It was the second eruption of unrest at the border in as many days, as thousands of Libyans stream into neighboring Tunisia, along with foreign nationals. Tunisia is the only escape route as fighting escalates in the Libyan capital, Tripoli, where rival militias have been battling for weeks for control over the airport. Friday's unrest took place when thousands of Egyptians, barred from entering Tunisia because they had no visa, held a protest then broke through part of a fence at the Ras Ajdir crossing, Tunisian security officials said. The police responded by shooting in the

air and firing tear gas. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the press. An Associated Press reporter at the crossing said no one managed to make it to the other side and security forces used vehicles to physically block access. After a Tunisian police officer was wounded by gunfire from the Libyan side of the border, authorities closed the crossing, the official Tunisian news agency TAP said. A day earlier, two Egyptians were killed during a similar protest demanding to be let through. Tunisian officials say thousands of Libyans have been crossing the border each day the past week. Libya is witnessing its worst factional violence since the downfall of the longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011 civil war. Along with the fighting in Tripoli, which the Health Ministry said has killed 214 people and wounding more than 980 others, Islamic militias

the past week overran army bases in Libya's second largest city, Benghazi, and claimed control of the city. In a sign of a backlash, thousands of residents of Tripoli and Benghazi rallied Friday evening in protests against militias. They waved Libyan tricolor flags while clapping and chanting against militias. "I am out today to protest against the terrorists and for the sake of this city and its sons," said Mohammed Makhoul, a Benghazi-based movie director. A fighter jet flew overhead in a show of support for the protesters, where women had a strong presence. Protesters tore down posters of an Islamist lawmaker. On his Facebook page, Abdel-Moneim al-Yassir, a lawmaker in the outgoing parliament and head of its National Security Committee, called for a "popular uprising to rescue Libya" and work out the disarming and demobilizing of militias. □

Iraq: Influential Shiite cleric urging a peaceful transition

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric appealed to Iraqi politicians on Friday not to make themselves "an obstacle" in the country's transition as the deadline looms for selecting the next prime minister.

The remarks by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, delivered by his spokesman, were another indirect appeal by the cleric to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to step down.

"The big challenges facing Iraq require that the next government command national and broad acceptance ... to face the crises that are hitting the country," spokesman Ahmed al-Safi quoted the reclusive al-Sistani as saying.

"No one should make himself an obstacle in achieving national consensus," al-Safi added during the sermon in the southern Shiite city of Kabala.

Al-Maliki, who has led the country since 2006, has insisted he remain in the post for a third four-year term. His bloc got the most seats in April's parliamentary elections but failed to get a majority, so he needs to build a coalition in order to govern.

The next government is expected to grapple with an unprecedented blitz offensive by Sunni extremists from the Islamic State group, which in June seized a large chunk of the country's north and west.

Iraq's leaders are under pressure to form an inclusive government that can draw Sunni support away from the insurgency. But the Sunnis have long accused al-Maliki of marginalizing their community, and even many of his Shiite and Kurdish allies say he has monopolized power. Iraq's newly-elected president, Fouad Massoud, is required to select a prime minister from the largest political bloc by next Friday.

Al-Sistani's appeal came as the United Nations said that more than 1,737 people were killed in Iraq in July, making it one of the deadliest months of the year but marking a decline from the previous month, when the Islamic State militants swept across much of the country. The death toll in June stood at 2,400.

Still, July's toll — which included an increase in killings in areas now under the control of the Islamic State — was considerably higher than May's, when about 800 people were killed. Iraq's large, U.S.-trained and equipped military melted away in the face of the initial militant onslaught, but has since regrouped — though it has not managed to retake lost ground.

In announcing the latest casualty figures, the U.N. mission also reiterated its own calls on Iraq's feuding politicians to set aside their differences and form an inclusive government.

"It is time that they move forward on the creation of a new government that can address the root causes of violence in Iraq and ensure equitable development for all communities," Nikolay Mladenov, the U.N. special representative for Iraq, said in the statement Friday. □

Certain Latin American economies buck regional trend

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As he prepared to begin a second term as Colombia's president on Aug. 7, the first name that Juan Manuel Santos inked in for his cabinet was Mauricio Cardenas, who keeps his job as finance minister.

That was no surprise: Helped by an investment boom, the country's economy grew by 6.4 percent in the first quarter compared with the same period last year. Cardenas says that the second quarter was strong too. The government will be raising its growth forecast for this year from 4.7 percent.

This is a welcome exception to a regional trend. Latin America as a whole looks likely to grow by less than 2 percent this year, the worst figure since 2009. The end of the commodity boom that lifted the region for more than a decade, the fading of the era of cheap money, as central banks in the rich world prepare to raise interest rates, and a series of homegrown factors all have taken their toll. The fall has been especially abrupt in Peru, where the economy is suffering what Economy Minister Luis Miguel Castilla calls a "hiccup." Even if it rebounds in the fourth quarter, as he expects, predictions of growth of more than 4 percent this year seem too rosy. For a country that has enjoyed Asian-style growth averaging 6.4 percent a year between 2003 and 2013, the slowdown is a nasty surprise. Colombia has overtaken Peru to become the fastest-growing of the bigger Latin American economies.

Both countries are medium-sized commodity exporters with open-market economies. They are both members of the free-trading Pacific Alliance. So why is Colombia now faring better than Peru?

The answer starts with what Victor Bulmer-Thomas, a British economic historian of Latin America, has called "the commodity lottery." Colombia's main exports are oil and coal,

whose prices have held up during the past couple of years. Peru depends on copper and gold for half its exports, and their prices have fallen – steeply, in the case of gold. As a result the value of Peru's exports fell by 9 percent last year while that of Colombia's slipped only slightly.

In explaining Colombia's

public money has leveraged housing investment totaling \$2 billion, according to Cardenas. A 2012 law cut onerous payroll taxes, while raising income taxes on the better-off. The result is that formal-sector jobs are growing at 8 percent a year, while the large informal sector has started to shrink, which ought to

boosted the confidence of investors. In March J.P. Morgan Chase more than doubled the share of Colombian bonds in its emerging-market indices.

By contrast, Peru is suffering what Castilla calls a "complicated" year. First the sol depreciated by about 9 percent in 2013, a textbook consequence of de-

big copper mines.

In response the government is shoveling money at the economy. Extra bonuses and wage increases for state employees and extra loans for small business are worth more than 1 percent of G.D.P. Castilla insists that the economy will rebound in the fourth quarter and again will grow by 6 percent in both 2015 and 2016. With new, low-cost mines starting up, copper output should rise by 20 percent next year, while building work will start on public-private partnerships worth \$18 billion, including a gas pipeline and a second metro line for Lima.

Most analysts predict that Peru soon will regain its lead over Colombia, but that is not assured.

Peru's long growth spurt was based on a mixture of catch-up after a disastrous 1980s, cheap natural gas, sound economic policies – it enacted a fiscal rule in 1999 – and, above all, a huge mining boom. Peru has now caught up a great deal, however. Francisco Rodriguez, an economist at Bank of America, argues that the fall in mineral prices, together with delays in mine development, already have driven Peru's potential, i.e. non-inflationary, rate of growth down to less than 5 percent and that it will fall further.

Only "if we do nothing," Castilla replies. The government has launched plans to cut red tape and to promote diversification away from mining. □



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos, right, speaks as Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, left, listens, during a bilateral meeting in Cartagena, Colombia, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. Maduro is in Colombia to discuss binational issues.

(AP Photo)

growth, Cardenas also points to several reforms. Last year the government arranged lower mortgage rates via an agreement among banks and a public subsidy. This helped to boost construction, which is growing at better than 10 percent a year. The subsidy is now being withdrawn, but \$200 million of pub-

boost productivity. Ambitious, albeit delayed, private-public partnerships in roads and railways should see investment of as much as \$25 billion by 2018.

Santos also has implemented a fiscal rule under which the public-sector deficit, long a drag on growth, has fallen steadily, to less than 1 percent of G.D.P. That has

teriorating terms of trade, which raised the financing costs of some careless Peruvian companies. Further setbacks have included weather-related contractions in fishing and farming, a standstill in investment by regional governments because of corruption scandals and unexpected technical problems at two

Officials: US citizen killed by bandits in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— An American citizen of Haitian descent was killed last week by armed robbers shortly after arriving in her impoverished Caribbean homeland to visit relatives, friends and officials said Thursday.

The U.S. State Department on Thursday identified the victim as Myriam Saint Germain.

The U.S. Embassy in Haiti said it was touch with the

dead woman's relatives. Saint Germain lived in Boston, Massachusetts, and had worked as a health assistant at Harvard University the last five years. She had two children. Officials with Haiti's national police declined to provide information about the investigation into the killing.

Saint Germain was apparently killed by gunmen last Friday, not long after arriving at the Toussaint Louver-

ture International Airport in Port-au-Prince. Friends say she was heading to the town of Les Cayes to visit family. Last month, the U.S. Embassy noted an increase in the number of travelers who had been robbed shortly after departing the Port-au-Prince airport.

In a June 18 security message to American citizens, the U.S. Embassy said most victims reported that they were "followed by armed

individuals on motorcycles shortly after leaving the airport and robbed of cash and other portable valuables." Family friend Jacques Jean, president of a Massachusetts learning center where she volunteered her time and money, described Saint Germain as a "very wonderful person." "This is a shock for me and all here who knew her," Jean said in a Thursday phone interview. □

Uruguayan pot marketplace may go up in smoke

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MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay
(AP) — Uruguay's plan to create the world's first national, government-regulated marketplace for le-

to oversee the production, sales and consumption of marijuana. "I am convinced that the current project is never going to be applied," the principal opposition presi-

macies of 40 grams of pot a month to registered users and the tracking of legally grown marijuana through a system of genetic markers of authorized plants. President Jose Mujica and

tive to crack and reduce the power of drug gangs. "The appearance of drug trafficking signified a brutal cultural change in the world of crime and a nearly absolute disregard for the value of life," Mujica told The Associated Press in May. "So we decided to try to snatch away a part of that market." But almost three months after the pot law went into effect, no legal marijuana has been planted and officials still have not held a competition to select growers. They also have given conflicting dates for when the drug might reach pharmacies, ranging from late this year to sometime in 2015.

Experts say delays are due to the fact no other country has attempted such a plan and that authorities still lack detailed plans and rules for creating the market. Disagreements within the government over basic aspects of the proposal are also holding things back. Opposition Colorado Party presidential candidate Pedro Bordaberry said "the entire project is one big improvisation."

The man in charge of the program, Julio Calzada, has dismissed concerns, insisting the bids to select growers will be a success "and the project will go forward."

While Mujica's marijuana plan was widely applauded globally and seen as going beyond marijuana legislation in the U.S. states of Colorado and Washington, most Uruguayans oppose it.

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Unofficial police kill Mexico police chief in struggle

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Associated Press
MEXICO CITY (AP) — A small-town police chief in southern Mexico was shot to death by dozens of vigilante-like "community police" who burst into his office and tried to "arrest" him for alleged links to a criminal gang.

A leader of the community police, Eliseo Villar, said Friday that police chief Miguel Gutierrez opened fire on the men who were trying to detain him in the village of Tlacoachistlahuaca, where he commanded the municipal police force.

Villar said the men, who were from the nearby town of Cochoapa, returned fire, killing Gutierrez. Both towns are in southern Guerrero state.

They had accused Gutierrez of hiding as many as five bodies in clandestine burial pits.

It is unclear whether community police are authorized to detain public servants. Guerrero state gives such groups some law enforcement powers, but only in their own communities and for minor crimes. Villar defended the mob's actions, saying "community police" can arrest officials "if there is clear evidence of a crime, and in this case, there was clearly a crime."

However, he acknowledged that none of the bodies had yet been found. Guerrero state prosecutors said the shooting occurred Thursday and that Gutierrez' body and some weapons taken from his police office, were found later at the community police headquarters.

Formed in largely Indian communities in the 1990s, the community police forces exist in dozens of towns in Guerrero and are allowed to arrest people and mete out justice for minor crimes. Punishments usually involve confinement in improvised jails and community service.



A sign reads in Spanish; "We don't sell pot, yet," on display at a head shop in downtown Montevideo, Uruguay. Delays in implementing the plan to create the world's first national, government-regulated marketplace for legal pot, are putting it at risk as polls point to opposition gains in October general elections and disapproval of the project by most Uruguayans.

(AP Photo/Matilde Campodonico)

gal pot may be going up in smoke.

Delays in implementing the plan are putting it at risk as polls point to opposition gains in October general elections and show most Uruguayans oppose a legal pot marketplace. Opposition politicians have said they will seek to repeal or modify the legislation, which gives the national government power

dential candidate, Luis Lacalle Pou, told The Associated Press. "The entire project is not workable. The pharmacies don't want to sell the drug and nobody is going to register as a user, as the law obliges."

The legislation, which went into effect in May, allows for the growing of pot by licensed individuals, the formation of growers and users clubs, the sale by phar-

his Broad Front movement have promoted the plan as a way to deal with rising homicide and crime rates associated with drug trafficking and the increasing use of crack cocaine. In the last 13 years, the homicide rate in Uruguay has increased by 21 percent and the rate of violent robbery by 250 percent. Officials say a legal pot market could provide an alterna-

Iran opens first state-run alcohol rehab center

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran has opened the country's first, state-run rehab and treatment center for alcoholism, an Iranian semi-official news agency reported on Friday.

According to the report by ISNA, the center was inaugurated at the Tehran University's Medical School. One of the physicians at the center, Dr. Moham-

mad Reza Sargolzaiee, was quoted as saying that the center opened "following an increase in alcohol use among Iranians."

Drinking alcohol is illegal for Muslims under Iran's strict Islamic teachings but there is open violation of the law. And even though there is widespread consumption of alcohol, there are no firm statistics available on

how prevalent alcoholism is in the officially booze-free nation.

In February 2013, Iran's police chief Esmaeil Ahmadi-Moqaddam said that there are about 200,000 people in Iran addicted to alcohol. The year before, a Tehran official Abbas Ali Nasehi said Iran has about 2 million drug addicts, some of whom "are also addicted

to alcohol."

Most of Iran's drug users are addicted to opium, the raw material for heroin. Iran lies on a major trafficking route between Afghanistan and Europe, as well as the Persian Gulf states. Large drug seizures are common across the region and Iran regularly arrests drug smugglers and addicts.



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His father, Howard, remembers the first day Ben arrived on Aruba, Ben ran down to the beach picked up a handful of sand and threw it into the air. The winds blew it back into his eyes, but luckily the nearby foot-wash was able to clear them. His mother, Lisa, says her favorite story is the time he went out fishing and caught a dolphin fish which he wanted to bring back home to the United States. Ben was very upset when his fish was served for lunch!

Over the years the Hyman family has had several families from California join them on vacation as well as some of Ben's friends, including the Benn family, the Crone Family, the Albert family, Joey Luba and Daniel Kanak. Ben is joined today by his friends Kazim Apyadin, Ian Chapman,

and Grant Pezynski, all from Pebble Beach, California. Howard and Lisa honeymooned at the Hyatt in Aruba and 1995, having fallen in love with the island several years earlier. They have watched the island develop commercially since 1992.

They Hyman's said that it is bittersweet watching the island grow with new businesses, while watching others fade away and close, however, Aruba has always remained "One Happy Island."

While purchasing a time-share at the Marriott, the Hyman's became lifelong friends Claudia and Eric Simmons, while Ben played with their sons Shaquille and Shakeem.

Upon returning home, Ben will leave for the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, where Kate Middleton and Prince William of the United Kingdom met. Ben will study modern history. He hopes to further study law. □



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Sergio Garcia, from Spain, pumps his fist after a birdie on the 18th green moved him to 11 under par after the second round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. Associated Press

Sergio Garcia shoots 61 to take lead at Firestone

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Sergio Garcia doesn't know anything about being in a zone. He had no trouble identifying the best round of his career.

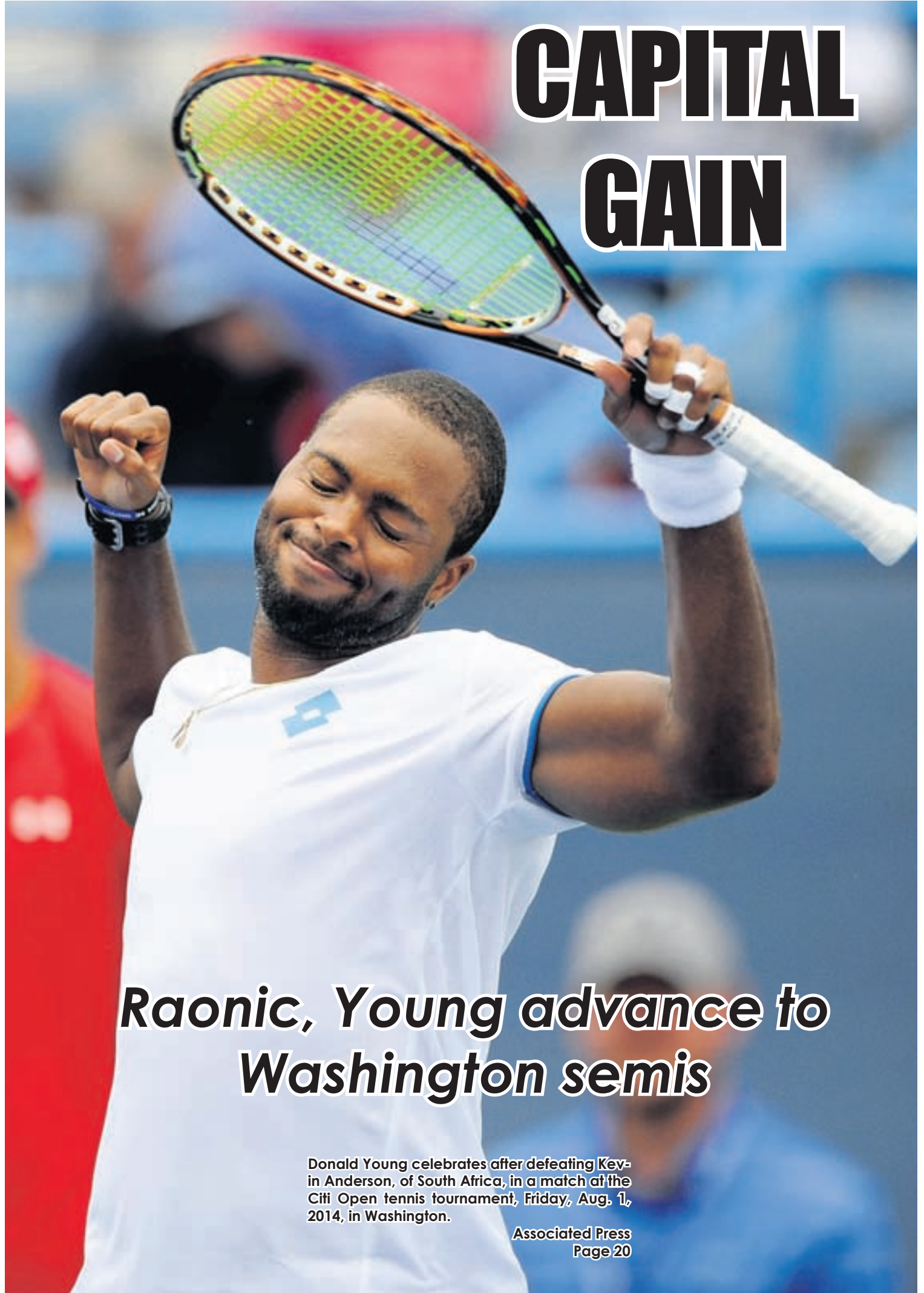
Garcia one-putted the final 11 holes and made birdies on his last seven holes Friday in the Bridgestone Invitational to tie the course record at Firestone with a 9-under 61 and take a three-shot lead into the weekend.

He had a birdie putt on every hole on the back nine, missing only a 15-footer from the fringe at No. 11. Garcia shot 27 on the back nine, a course record.

"Just one of those moments that you love and you enjoy, and you wish there were no end," he said.

It matched the tournament record held by Tiger Woods, who shot 61 in 2000 and 2013, and Jose Maria Olazabal, who shot his 61 in 1990.

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CAPITAL GAIN

Raonic, Young advance to Washington semis

Donald Young celebrates after defeating Kevin Anderson, of South Africa, in a match at the Citi Open tennis tournament, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, in Washington.

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Dustin Johnson of the US acknowledges the crowd after holing his putt on the 1st green during the third day of the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England, Saturday July 19, 2014.

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PGA Tour refutes report Dustin Johnson suspended

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — The PGA Tour is refuting a report that Dustin Johnson has been suspended.

Johnson said in a statement Thursday he was taking a leave of absence to seek professional help for "personal challenges" that brought an end to his season. Johnson will miss the PGA Championship, the FedEx Cup playoffs and the Ryder Cup.

Golf.com reported Friday that the tour had suspended Johnson for six months for failing a drug test. The website cited a source it did not identify.

The PGA Tour has a policy of not commenting on disciplinary actions. But it issued a statement Friday afternoon to clarify that Johnson has taken a leave of absence "and is not under a suspension from the PGA Tour." □

Firestone

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Woods went on to win by 11 shots in 2000 and seven shots last year. Olazabal won by 12 in the World Series of Golf.

Garcia still has work to do. He was at 11-under 129, three shots clear of Justin Rose, who had a 67. British Open champion Rory McIlroy birdied his last two holes for a 64 and joined Marc Leishman of Australia (67) four shots out of the lead.

McIlroy played in the group behind Garcia, and could hear what was going on if he couldn't see it.

"Every time I looked, he was putting a ball in the hole and the crowd was cheering," McIlroy said. "I knew that he was making a few birdies."

Garcia was five shots out of the lead when he had to scramble to save pars on back-to-back holes to close out the front nine on what seemed to be an ordinary round. Two good swings on the 10th hole led to a 20-foot birdie putt. He hit 8-iron to 2 feet on No. 12 and 3 feet on No. 13 for the easiest birdies he had all day, and those turned out to be the start of his big run.

The Spaniard finished in style, making birdie putts of 15, 25 and 20 feet on his last three holes.

It reminded Garcia of the Travelers Championships earlier this summer, when Kevin Streelman closed with seven straight birdies to beat Garcia and K.J. Choi by one shot.

"When I made the one on 17 I thought, 'This kind of looks familiar from what happened not too long ago,'" Garcia said. "Obviously, Sunday would be



Justin Rose, from England, waves to the crowd as he walks to the ninth green during the second round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. Rose stands at 8-under par for the tournament.

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even nicer. But I'll take what I can get."

His previous best score was a 62 on three other occasions — as a 19-year-old at the Scottish Open and Byron Nelson Classic in 1999, and at Mount Juliet in 2002 at the American Express Championship.

Woods also shot his 61s at Firestone in the second round. He could have used something remotely close to that to stay in range of Garcia. Instead, Woods hit only four fairways off the tee and couldn't seem to make anything on the green. It added to a 71, leaving him 10 shots behind.

"I didn't hit the ball well. I didn't putt well. I didn't do anything well," Woods said. "The only thing I did well was I fought hard. Grinded hard. Unfortunately, it wasn't a very good day."

Starting times for the third round were moved up to Saturday morning, with

threesomes off both tees, because of a forecast for storms. That figures to only keep Firestone soft, allowing players to attack the pins provided they're in the short grass.

Rose missed only two greens in posting a 67 as his momentum builds toward the final major of the year next week at the PGA Championship. He wouldn't mind adding a WGC title this week. Either way, there is a long stretch of big tournaments, and Rose is headed in the right direction. He won back-to-back starts at Congressional and Royal Aberdeen before stalling slightly at the British Open.

"I'm feeling good about peaking at this time of the year," Rose said. "Every week is big. You could argue a major championship in the middle of it all is the one you'd really love to peak for next week. But at the same time, there's

not a bad golf tournament now for about two months. Looking forward to the whole stretch."

He didn't realize when he finished that Rose would have three shots to make up on Garcia starting out the third round.

It didn't come entirely out of the blue for Garcia. Just two weeks ago, he challenged McIlroy briefly at Royal Liverpool until tying for second in the British Open. But this was something special, and Garcia could sense it.

"It feels great to be able to ... equal the course record on a course like this. Even playing soft, it's not that easy a course," Garcia said. "You have to drive the ball very, very well. You have to put the ball on the greens on the right spots because you can get some really, really fast putts."

"Being in a group with Tiger and Jose Maria, it feels really good." □

Williams, Ivanovic reach Bank of West quarters

RICK EYMER

Associated Press

STANFORD, California (AP)

— Venus Williams feels like the hometown girl when she plays at Stanford even though she grew up in Southern California and resides in Florida.

She has enjoyed a lot of success here, made her professional debut at the event, and the crowd was clearly supporting her.

"It's nice to have that support," Williams said after advancing to the Bank of the West Classic quarterfinals by beating fourth-seeded Victoria Azarenka 6-4, 7-6 (1) on Thursday.

"It was good to hear the 'oohs' and 'aahs' for both of us," the unseeded Williams said. "I don't want to let anybody down."

Williams and Azarenka,

both former world No. 1s, are working their way back to high-level tennis following injuries and illness. Williams, who is 4-0 against the Belarusian, appears slightly ahead in her development. After the 10th-ranked Azarenka, who celebrated her 25th birthday, saved three match points to tie it 6-6, Williams won the first five points in the tiebreaker.

Azarenka's second serve was the biggest difference between the hard-hitting players. She won just 32 percent of her second serves, handing Williams a significant advantage.

"We both had good points," 2010 champion Azarenka said. "Venus was a little better on her execution on important points. I have to be realistic and look at the things that

have to be done. It's not easy being patient but if I wanted easy, I'd go sit on a couch." Despite losing, Azarenka was glad to be playing tennis on her birthday.

"Losing is never satisfying," she said. "But I left the best part of my day on the court. I was able to do something I love on my birthday."

Williams, who reached her third quarterfinal of the season, will face eighth-seeded Andrea Petkovic on Friday.

Williams, in her 12th career appearance at Stanford, reached her 10th quarterfinal. She has won twice and finished second five times. Fifth-seeded Ana Ivanovic also advanced, beating Canadian qualifier Carol Zhao 6-1, 6-1.

The 11th-ranked Serb, look-



Venus Williams returns the ball to Victoria Azarenka, from Belarus, during the second set of their match in the Bank of the West Classic tennis tournament in Stanford, Calif., Thursday, July 31, 2014. Williams won 6-4, 7-6(1).

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ing for her fourth title of the year, will face top-ranked Serena Williams on Friday.

"It will be a good test to see where I need to work," Ivanovic said. "It's a different part of the season and a different kind of tournament." Ivanovic will move into the top 10 next week for the first time in five years. "I can't think too much about the future," Ivanovic said. "I am look-

ing to turn it around at the U.S. Open. After the match today I went back out on the court to get the rhythm back on my serve. That's what I need to be doing."

Also, third-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany beat Coco Vandeweghe of the U.S. 7-6 (4), 0-6, 6-2, and Garbine Muguruza of Spain topped Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia 6-4, 6-4.

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CASINO AND SHOPS

Donald Young to face Raonic in Washington semis

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

There was little reason to think Donald Young would make a deep run at the Citi Open.

The left-handed American arrived at the hard-court tuneup for the U.S. Open on a four-match losing streak. He was 10-13 this season. He hadn't reached the semifinals at any tour-level event in three years.

Young insists he believed in himself — more than he used to. After four victories in a row, three against seeded opponents, Young is back in an ATP semifinal, getting there by beating No. 7 Kevin Anderson 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2 on Friday at the Citi Open.

"Losing's not good, and I was doing a lot of that," Young said. "I didn't want to do that anymore. I wanted to try something else."

Young, ranked 73rd, hadn't made it this far at



Donald Young returns the ball against Kevin Anderson, of South Africa, during a match at the Citi Open tennis tournament, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, in Washington.

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a tournament since October 2011, when he was the Thailand Open runner-up. Two months earlier, he got to the semifinals in Washington.

When Friday's match ended, Young screamed and slapped his chest with his right palm. Once as high as No. 38, he is projected to get back into the top 50 next week. That would make him the second-

highest American man, behind John Isner.

"I feel like we have a lot of good players that are knocking at the door around 60, 70, 80, top 100, that are playing well enough to be top 50," Young said. "It's just about having the right results at the right tournaments at the right time."

He hasn't done that a whole lot, despite having

been pegged for greatness as a teenager.

Now 25, Young joked that maybe he's finally at the right age.

One thing he's been working on is taking a more positive approach on court, instead of allowing negative thoughts or energy hold him back.

"It's still a work in progress. I still slip back every now and then. But more so than not, I'm being a lot more positive," said Young, who is based in Atlanta. "I've tried being negative. It doesn't work. I've had a lot of low times, but positive is working well."

Young will face No. 2 Milos Raonic of Canada in the semifinals Saturday.

Raonic, a semifinalist at Wimbledon last month, ended the surprising run of Steve Johnson, eliminating the American 7-6 (2), 6-2.

Johnson beat the tour's top two servers, Isner and Ivo Karlovic, in his previous two

matches, but he couldn't beat the man who ranks third in that category, Raonic, failing to even earn one break point Friday.

In women's action, two-time major champion Svetlana Kuznetsova moved into the semifinals when Vania King withdrew from the tournament with a right hip injury.

King also pulled out of next week's tournament in Montreal but doesn't think the injury will prevent her from entering the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 25.

"I don't think it's serious. I don't need a couple months off. I don't need surgery," King said.

"I'm going to take off a couple days and see how it feels and then go from there."

In Saturday's semifinals, the sixth-seeded Kuznetsova will face No. 2 Ekaterina Makarova, who beat No. 5 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 7-6 (3), 6-3. □

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Tigers make big trade, White Sox win game 7-4

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Moises Sierra had four hits, and Jose Abreu and Adam Eaton added three apiece to lift the Chicago White Sox to a 7-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Thursday.

The game quickly became a secondary concern in the Motor City when the Tigers acquired star left-hander David Price from Tampa Bay in a three-team deal.

Joakim Soria (1-4) — another pitcher recently acquired by Detroit — hit Paul Konerko with the bases loaded in the seventh to give the White Sox a 5-4 lead.

Abreu extended his hitting streak to 20 games.

Ronald Belisario (4-7) got the win in relief, and Jake Petricka pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Detroit's Torii Hunter and J.D. Martinez hit back-to-back homers in the third.

ANGELS 1, ORIOLES 0, 13 innings

BALTIMORE (AP) — Albert Pujols hit an RBI single in the 13th inning, and Los Angeles averted a three-game series sweep.

Tyler Skaggs and six relievers combined on a five-hitter, and David Freese



Chicago White Sox's Adam Eaton hits a one-run single against the Detroit Tigers in the eighth inning of a baseball game in Detroit, Thursday, July 31, 2014.

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matched a career high with four hits to help Los Angeles improve to 3-10 in one-run games on the road.

Skaggs had a no-hitter with two outs in the fifth inning before leaving with left forearm tightness. He was replaced by Mike Morin, who immediately gave up a bloop single to Caleb Jo-

seph.

The Orioles didn't get another hit until Joseph singled leading off the eighth. In the 13th, Kole Calhoun drew a leadoff walk from Ryan Webb (3-2) and Mike Trout singled before Pujols lined a single past the drawn-in infield.

Hector Santiago (3-7) pitched two shutout innings

and Huston Street got three outs for his fourth save since joining the Angels on July 18.

BLUE JAYS 6, ASTROS 5

HOUSTON (AP) — Nolan Reimold hit two home runs, including a tiebreaking solo shot in the ninth, and Toronto rallied for a win.

Reimold's first homer came in the fifth and cut Hous-

ton's lead to 4-3. His second homer of the season was off Chad Qualls (1-3) and sent Toronto to its ninth win in 10 games. It was Reimold's second career multihomer game and first since May 26, 2011.

Jose Bautista and Dioner Navarro also had solo homers for Toronto. Bautista connected for his 21st homer in the first, and Navarro tied it at four with his eighth in the sixth.

Aaron Sanchez (2-0) threw two scoreless innings for the win, and Casey Jansen pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

Jon Singleton homered for Houston, and Robbie Grossman had two hits.

ROYALS 6, TWINS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Alcides Escobar hit a two-run triple and Yordano Ventura pitched seven effective innings for Kansas City.

Escobar's triple highlighted a four-run seventh. The inning also included Jarrod Dyson's run-scoring single. Dyson stole second and third and scored on catcher Eric Fryer's throwing error. Ventura (8-8) limited the Twins to two runs, one earned, on five hits, while striking out seven.

Ducks to retire Selanne's No. 8 jersey

ANAHEIM, California (AP)

— The Anaheim Ducks will retire Teemu Selanne's No. 8 jersey in a ceremony on Jan. 11.

The Ducks announced plans for the franchise's first number retirement Friday. Anaheim will raise Selanne's jersey to the Honda Center rafters on "Teemu Tribute Night" when they host the Winnipeg Jets, Selanne's first NHL team.

"Teemu is our franchise icon and deserves to be the first player in club history to have his jersey retired," Ducks owner Henry Samueli said in a statement. "His dedication to this franchise and our community is unmatched."

Selanne retired this year

after a 21-season NHL career spent mostly with the Ducks. The Finnish Flash is Anaheim's career leader in goals, assists, games played and almost every other offensive statistical category after playing parts of 15 seasons in Orange County.

Selanne is the 11th-leading goal-scorer in NHL history with 684, and his 1,457 career points rank 15th in league history. He won the inaugural Richard Trophy in 1999 and the Masterton Trophy in 2006.

"What a great honor," Selanne said. "The Samuelis and the entire Ducks organization have made this a very special place for me and my family. I look forward to sharing this special

night with our fans, who have treated me so well for 18 years."

Selanne spent nearly four seasons in Winnipeg with the original Jets, winning the Calder Trophy in 1993 with a rookie-record 76 goals, before he was traded to Anaheim in February 1996.

The 10-time NHL All-Star left the Ducks in another trade with San Jose in early 2001, but returned in 2005 after stops with the Sharks and the Colorado Avalanche. Selanne and his family still live in Orange County, and he opened a popular steakhouse in Laguna Beach last year.

Selanne retired after the Ducks were eliminated in the second round of the

postseason by the Stanley Cup champion Los Angeles Kings in a grueling seven-game series.

Anaheim won the past two Pacific Division titles and finished this spring with the Western Conference's best regular-season record, but couldn't add a second Stanley Cup ring to Selanne's only championship, won in 2007 with Anaheim. Selanne scored 15 points in 21 games during the Ducks' run to their only Cup title.

Selanne also is a six-time Olympian for Finland, winning four medals. The leading scorer in Olympic men's hockey history, he was named the MVP of the Sochi tournament in February while captaining Finland to a bronze medal.



This May 16, 2014 file photo shows Anaheim Ducks right wing Teemu Selanne, of Finland, skating prior to Game 7 of an NHL hockey second-round Stanley Cup playoff series against the Los Angeles Kings in Anaheim, Calif.

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NL Capsules

LA hot city as Dodgers win 6th straight game

The Associated Press
DODGERS 2, BRAVES 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Clayton Kershaw scattered nine hits and struck out nine while tying his career-best winning streak of 10 games, and Los Angeles completed the three-game sweep.

Kershaw (13-2) pitched his second consecutive complete game for the second time in his career. He is unbeaten in his last 11 starts with a 10-0 record since June 2. The left-hander beat the Braves for the first time during the regular season in his career.

Yasiel Puig homered as the Dodgers stretched their win streak to a season-high six and swept the Braves for the first time since taking four in a row from July 26-29, 1990, at home.

Julio Teheran (10-7) dueling with Kershaw, but fell behind in the first Adrian Gonzalez doubled to deep right-center field to drive in Puig.

REDS 3, MARLINS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Cincin-



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw reacts as Atlanta Braves' Justin Upton is called safe first on a close play that would have ended the game if Upton was out during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, July 31, 2014, in Los Angeles. The play was reviewed and Upton was called safe.

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nati benefited from Major League Baseball's new instant replay system and the rule preventing catchers from blocking to beat Miami.

Reds starter Johnny Cueto (12-6) struck out nine and allowed one run in seven innings and Ryan Ludwick drove in two runs. Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth for his 24th save.

Giancarlo Stanton hit his 25th home run for Miami and Tom Koehler (7-8) took the loss allowing two unearned runs in seven innings.

With the Marlins leading 1-0 in the top of the eighth, the Reds loaded the bases with one out. Bryan Morris got Todd Frazier to fly out to right fielder Stanton whose throw to the plate easily beat Zack Cozart for what appeared to be the final out of the inning when catcher Jeff Mathis tagged out Cozart, who trotted in without a slide.

However, after a 6-minute, 10-second instant replay review, the call was overturned because Mathis was ruled to be blocking the plate and Cozart was called safe tying the game 1-1.

Ludwick took advantage and followed with a two-run single to give the Reds a 3-1 lead.

PHILLIES 10, NATIONALS 4
WASHINGTON (AP) — Ben Revere tied a career-high with four hits and Philadelphia defeated Washington but might have lost starter Cliff Lee, who left in the third inning with an elbow injury.

Grady Sizemore had three hits and three RBIs as the Phillies pounded out 17 hits. After throwing ball one to Denard Span with two outs, Lee walked off the mound, looked into the Phillies dugout, and tapped his left arm with his glove hand.

Lee, making his third start since missing two months, left the game, and the Phillies announced he had a recurrence of the flexor pronator strain that sidelined him in May.

Antonio Bastardo (5-4) retired Span, the only batter he faced.

CARDINALS 6, PADRES 2
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Shelby Miller and three relievers combined on a three-hitter, and Oscar Taveras hit a two-run homer for St. Louis, which avoided a three-game series sweep.

The Cardinals acquired right-hander John Lackey from Boston just before the trade deadline to bolster their rotation. They begin a big series against NL Central-leading Milwaukee on Friday in St. Louis.

Miller (8-8) allowed two runs and three hits in six innings in his first win since June 7.

St. Louis roughed up rookie Odrisamer Despaigne (2-3) a day after playing what manager Mike Matheny called the team's ugliest loss of the season, a 12-1 defeat Wednesday night.

Jedd Gyorko and Will Venable homered for San Diego. Despaigne allowed six runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

CUBS 3, ROCKIES 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Jake Arrieta struck out seven in seven innings, leading the Cubs to the win.

Arrieta (6-2) allowed one run and three hits in his first victory since June 30 at Boston. The right-hander has a 1.73 ERA in his last 11 starts, holding opponents to a .162 batting average. The Cubs won three of four in a matchup of last-place teams. The Rockies have lost four of five and 11 of 15 overall.

Pedro Hernandez (0-1) allowed three runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings in his first start for Colorado.

Hector Rondon got three outs for his 14th save in 17 opportunities. He retired three straight after Nolan Arenado and Justin Morneau singled to start the ninth.

The Cubs made one trade on the non-waiver deadline day, sending utilityman Emilio Bonifacio, reliever James Russell and cash to Atlanta for catching prospect Victor Caratini.

Goodell defends NFL's 2-game suspension of Rice

By JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

CANTON, Ohio (AP) -- NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell defended himself Friday against criticism that he was too lenient in suspending Ray Rice two games for his "horrible mistake."

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"We just can't make up the discipline," Goodell said.

"It has to be consistent with other cases. And it was in this matter."

Goodell stressed that the Baltimore running back has assumed responsibility for his conduct, has no history of assault and is following a court order to enter a diversionary program following his domestic violence arrest.

"We've dealt with it in a serious manner, and we're very confident that this young man understands where he is and what he needs to do going forward," Goodell said. "I think what's important here is Ray has taken responsibility for this. He's been accountable for his actions.

He recognizes he made a horrible mistake that is unacceptable by his standards, by our standards. And he's got to work to re-establish himself."

Goodell spoke a day before the Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony. It was his first opportunity to answer questions regarding Rice since disciplining him July 24.

A day earlier, Rice apologized at training camp in his first comments since the suspension. He called his actions "totally inexcusable" and acknowledged he must live with this for the rest of his life.

The six-year veteran will miss the Ravens' season opener against Cincinnati on Sept. 7 and the Sept. 11 game against Pittsburgh.

Concerts on Yahoo make best of industry struggles

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AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Sometimes the struggles of an industry can bring music to your ears. And your screens.

Live Nation's partnership with Yahoo to stream one live concert every day is a rare win for music fans. The series, which began with the Dave Matthews Band in mid-July, offers free, high-quality concert footage in a way that helps the companies providing it, since selling ads is more profitable than concert promotion.

The deal opens up a new revenue stream for Live Nation, which reported second quarter earnings Thursday that fell short on profit but beat Wall Street's revenue expectations. And for Yahoo, premium video ad prices could be a cure for its plunging display ad rates. Concerts globally are having a down year as a larger number of big acts sacrifice their own tour dates to play at popular festivals like Coachella and Lollapalooza, according to an analysis by the trade magazine Pollstar. And while Live Nation's events are doing better than the industry overall, the company takes a tiny slice of concert proceeds even as it invests in improvements to apps and websites to attract more people.

On the Yahoo Screen app featuring the new Live Nation channel, advertisers like Kraft, Kellogg's, Citigroup and Sprint are running pre-roll advertising and in-stream overlays. Given robust demand for



In this June 28, 2013 file photo, Dave Matthews of The Dave Matthews Band performs on stage at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, N.J. **Associated Press**

the commercial time, Live Nation CEO Michael Rapino told investors in May the streams would be "a positive revenue channel almost (from) day one." He went further Thursday, saying he expects to expand programming with Yahoo and other distribution partners to help accelerate advertising revenue growth.

Another beneficial element of the deal: Live Nation isn't paying for the rights to the content. Artists, whose incomes are hurting from a decline in digital downloads, are happy to allow their concerts to be streamed, mainly to promote future ticket sales and song downloads. Plus, the performers get to keep a copy of the show for re-use and DVD sales.

"We're getting paid in promotion and the fact we don't have to hire our own crew" to shoot the concert, said Brian Klein, manager of Los Angeles-based indie pop band Fitz & The Tantrums.

On August 20, John Legend will reprise Marvin Gaye's album, "What's Going On?" in concert at the Hollywood Bowl. Legend's manager Ty Stiklorious believes it might cost \$500,000 to shoot such a one-time-only event. But in exchange for Legend receiving a copy of the recording in about a year, Yahoo will cover venue fees, songwriting royalties, crew wages and pay for the 50-piece orchestra that will accompany the R&B singer.

"They said they would do it

regardless of all the issues and complexities around filming it," Stiklorious said. "We're so excited and happy."

Artist managers don't fear a loss of ticket sales, either. Attending in person is far different from watching from a couch or on a mobile device, they say. And usually, the event is already sold out or in a far-off location — like Justin Timberlake's upcoming Aug. 24 concert in Iceland. Increasingly, Live Nation Entertainment Inc. is becoming an advertising business that uses concerts as its "content." While the company loses money putting on the concerts themselves, advertising and third-party sponsorships at venues have become its most profitable segment.

"Concerts, on paper, are very low-margin and as a result they have to push margin into other areas of the business," says Rick Tullo, an analyst with Albert Fried & Co. "Advertising is the big one." Last year, Live Nation lost nearly a penny for every dollar it made in concert promotion revenue, which rose 17 percent to \$4.52 billion. But it kept two-thirds of every dollar made from advertising, which climbed 15 percent to \$284.7 million. Profit from advertising was nearly twice as big as profit derived from ticket-selling, which makes it even more important to the company as it seeks its first year of positive net income since 2004. On the concert deal, Live Nation will split ad revenue 50-50 with Yahoo after Yahoo recoups the costs of shooting and producing the concerts.

For Yahoo, the deal helps bolster multiple areas of weakness: by paying for exclusive content, Yahoo hopes it can boost the price of ads. Prices for display ads, once Yahoo's mainstay, fell 24 percent last quarter, offset only by greater volume. Still, the result was an overall 4 percent drop in the company's revenue to \$1.14 billion.

"We've continued our focus on video with investments in unique premium content," Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer told analysts on a conference call this month. "Fundamentally, premium content draws premium advertisers."

Now Yahoo just has to get concert lovers to tune in. □

Law changed to allow 'unlocking' cellphones

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama signed a bill into law on Friday making it legal once again to unlock a cellphone without permission from a wireless provider, so long as the service contract has expired. Copyright law prohibits circumventing digital locks on technological devices. But for several years, cell-

phones were granted an exemption by government copyright lawyers as a way of making it easier for consumers to change carriers and recycle old phones. Then under industry pressure, the Library of Congress — which oversees copyright law — agreed to let the exemption lapse as of January 2013, infuriating consumer advocates who say phone owners should be

able to do whatever they want with a device once a contract expires.

Wireless providers have said digital locks on cellphones protect their business model: phones are often sold at a steep discount in exchange for long-term service contracts. If a consumer doesn't want to be tied to a particular carrier, they can always pay the higher price of a device that's al-

ready unlocked, industry officials say. The Library of Congress agreed with that logic in its latest ruling. But public backlash was fierce and several wireless providers responded by outlining a set of voluntary industry standards for unlocking. Consumer advocates said the process remained slow and cumbersome. They wanted tech-savvy consumers to be able to unlock

phones by themselves or use a third-party, which the new legislation allows.

The bill doesn't apply to other wireless devices such as tablets, but directs the Library of Congress to consider whether consumers should be allowed to unlock those as well.

The legislation is only effective until the Library of Congress issues its next ruling, most likely in late 2015. □

S&P 500 has its worst week in 2 years

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NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks fell for a second day Friday, adding to the massive sell-off the day before and giving the market its worst week in two years.

Investors found little reason to move money into stocks, faced with the growing geopolitical concerns in Israel and Ukraine, as well as banking problems in Europe.

For the last two years investors have generally wanted to step in to buy any major fall in the stock market, traders said, causing any sell-off to be met the following day with modest buying.

Traders said that the selling Friday, on top of what happened the day before, is not a good sign.

"The follow-through from yesterday's (market drop) is very telling," said Jonathan Corpina, a trader on the New York Stock Exchange with Meridian Equity Partners. "The end of this week could not come at a better time as the weekend might provide some stability."

On Friday the Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 5.52 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,925.15.

The index fell 2.7 percent this week, its worst weekly performance since June 2012.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 69.93 points, or 0.4 percent, to 16,493.37. That's on top of the 317-point drop the index had on Thursday. The Nasdaq composite fell 17.13 points, or 0.4 percent, to

4,352.64.

Energy and financial stocks were among the biggest decliners. Chevron, the nation's second-largest oil and gas company behind Exxon Mobil, fell \$1.34, or 1 percent, to \$127.90. While Chevron's earnings were

sociation ruled that Argentina had officially defaulted on its bonds for the second time in 13 years, in what the ISDA calls a "credit event." In a "credit event," investors who own credit-default swaps, a type of insurance that protects against a

Argentinian default and as well as with European banks were the biggest driver of Friday's market decline, said Jonathan Golub, chief U.S. market strategist at RBC Capital Markets. "The market doesn't like anything that could poten-



Trader Daniel Leporin rests his head on a specialist's shoulder as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. U.S. stocks fell for a second day Friday, adding to the massive sell-off the day before and giving the market its worst week in two years.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

better than analysts had predicted, the company's oil and gas production fell in the quarter. Exxon also reported lower production when it released its own results Thursday.

Banking stocks also fell. JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs all slid roughly 2 percent.

On Friday, the International Swaps and Derivatives As-

bond issuer defaulting, are activated and the companies which wrote the policies must pay the investors who own them.

In Portugal, the struggling bank Banco Espirito Santo plunged 40 percent. Espirito Santo reported Wednesday a 3.5 billion euro net loss for the second quarter, and there were concerns the bank is insolvent.

The concerns over the

tially disrupt the credit markets," Golub said, noting that indicators of market volatility jumped on Friday. Adding to the uncertainty, investors had the violence in Israel and Gaza as well as Ukraine to worry about. A 72-hour ceasefire between Israel and Gaza collapsed early Friday. In Ukraine, violence between government and pro-Russian separatists escalated. □

Chrysler US sales lift up 20% in July

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)

— Chrysler says its U.S. sales rose 20 percent in July from a year ago, its best performance for the month in nine years.

The automaker said Friday that it sold 167,667 vehicles in the U.S. during the month compared with 140,102 in the prior-year period.

Jeep sales surged 41 percent. That's the best July performance for the brand ever.

The Fiat, Dodge and Chrysler brands also posted sales increases for the month.

The Jeep Wrangler, Jeep Compass, Dodge Dart, Dodge Challenger, Dodge Journey and Ram Cargo Van each recorded their best July sales ever.

And the Fiat 500L set a new all-time monthly sales record in July.

Chrysler Group LLC, now part of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV, said Ram pickup truck sales climbed 14 percent — its best July results since 2005.

This is Chrysler's 52nd straight month of year-over-year sales gains.

The overall automobile market's U.S. sales have climbed 4.3 percent in the first half of the year. In June the industry had a 1.2 percent gain.

Last month Auburn Hills, Michigan-based Chrysler Group announced it was recalling older-model Jeep SUVs to fix a problem with ignition switches.

It has now recalled more than 1.7 million vehicles for ignition-switch problems. General Motors has come under fire for bungling its own ignition-switch recall. Sales at GM and the rest of the industry are expected to improve in July. Edmunds.com expects an 11.1 percent increase in total sales, with GM up 10.6 percent.

When all the numbers are in late Friday, it may wind up being the industry's best July in eight years, Edmunds predicted. □

Allergan sues Valeant, claims fraud in buy attempt

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TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Botox and eye drug maker Allergan is suing a Canadian drugmaker and a hedge fund over their hostile takeover attempt, alleging insider trading and other fraud before their plan became public.

Allergan Inc.'s lawsuit, filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana, California, names as plaintiffs drugmaker Valeant Pharma-

ceuticals International Inc., New York investment and hedge fund firm Pershing Square Capital Management LP and its principal, William Ackerman.

The lawsuit claims debt-laden Valeant, which has bought up more than 100 smaller drug companies since 2008, lined up Pershing Square to finance the deal because it couldn't on its own. The suit claims Pershing Square quietly bought \$3.2 billion worth

of shares from unknowing Allergan stockholders between February and April, then reaped a windfall when Valeant publicly proposed buying Allergan in late April, as those shares then jumped about \$1.2 billion in value.

Valeant has since been urging Allergan shareholders to tender their shares in exchange for 0.83 shares of Valeant and \$72 in cash.

On Friday afternoon, Valeant and Pershing Square

issued a statement calling "baseless" Allergan's claims related to tender offer rules.

"Allergan's true purpose in bringing the litigation is an attempt to interfere with shareholders' efforts to call a special meeting," the statement said.

Allergan, which also sells dry eye drug Restasis, has rejected multiple unsolicited offers from Valeant and Pershing, the latest for more than \$53 billion. □

With vote for Chrysler merger, Fiat looks abroad

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TURIN, Italy (AP) — Fiat shareholders voted Friday overwhelmingly in favor of a merger with Chrysler that has been five years in the works and will shift the 115-year-old carmaker's center of gravity abroad. The approval paves the way the new company, to be called Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV, to list its shares in the U.S., likely by mid-October. It will be

legally based in the Netherlands and have its fiscal home in Britain.

A caveat to the merger remains. Dissenting shareholders have a couple of weeks to opt out, cashing in their shares at 7.727 euros (\$10.35), about 7 percent above current share price. Bondholders have a longer opt-out period of 60 days. If the total request exceeds 500 million euros, CEO Sergio Marchionne said the merger would be off —

temporarily.

"If it should go badly, we will come back at another time," Marchionne told reporters.

He said he set the 500-million-euro ceiling as "the amount I was willing to pay."

A total of 84 percent of shares represented at the assembly were cast in favor of the merger.

The votes against represent some 8 percent of total shares, which would easily

put demand over the 500 million-euro cap. However, the vote is not necessarily indicative of a desire to cash out:

A number of the shareholders said they were voting against for sentimental reasons, citing Italy's loss of prominence in the Fiat universe, but that they intended to stay on as shareholders.

A mechanism would allow Fiat to save the merger even if more than 5-per-

cent of shareholders opt out, maxing out the pay-out pot.

If Fiat's share price surges above the buyout price, it could reoffer the tendered shares to existing shareholders to get below the ceiling, Marchionne explained.

Chairman John Elkann, whose family controls 30 percent of Fiat's shares, said they would not see a postponement of the merger as a failure. "We are hopeful," he said. □

Procter & Gamble to slim down product lineup

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NEW YORK (AP) — Procter & Gamble is about to shrink.

The world's largest consumer products maker said it will jettison more than half its brands around the globe over the next year or two, leaving it with about 70 to 80 of its top performers when the nips and tucks are complete. The maker of CoverGirl, Pampers and Tide declined to specify what exactly it will shed but noted they're smaller brands that collectively account for less than 10 percent of sales.

CEO A.G. Lafley said Procter & Gamble should have made the move long ago. "In an ideal world, we would've done this at the depth of the financial crisis, in the recession," Lafley said Friday during a conference call with analysts and investors. "Having said that, I don't see any reason

to wait. I don't see any virtue in waiting another minute."

P&G had already been

tirely by selling off Iams pet food to Mars Inc. Now it's focusing on culling its consumer products, which

and even helped coin the term "soap opera" with its sponsorship and production of daytime TV dramas.



Tide detergent is displayed at a Costco store in Robinson Township, Pa. Procter & Gamble said it will jettison more than half its brands around the globe over the next year or two, on August 1, 2014.

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

slimming down in recent years, having sold off food brands such as Jif peanut butter, Folgers coffee and Pringles chips. More recently, it moved to get out of the edible business en-

has mushroomed over the years to include beauty products, detergent, paper towels and razors.

It's a major undertaking for the company, which introduced Ivory soap in 1879

Today, Procter & Gamble has 22 brands that pull in more than \$1 billion in annual sales, including Pampers, Gillette and Tide.

It has another 19 brands with \$500 million or more in

annual sales.

"It's hard to believe we started with candles and soap in 1937," Lafley said in a phone interview.

Lafley chalked up the company's expansive portfolio to the natural evolution of multinational companies, which tend to acquire and create new brands over time.

To right its bloated ship, Procter & Gamble came up with a list of criteria for which businesses it wanted to compete in.

Ultimately, Lafley said it decided to focus on categories where it has highly differentiated products that are among the market leaders.

The decision to sell or discontinue 90 to 100 brands — many of them smaller, regional products — comes as Procter & Gamble fights to boost sluggish sales. In the latest quarter, it reported a slight decline in sales and missed Wall Street expectations. □

Scientific Games strikes \$3.3B deal to buy Bally

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientific Games plans to pay about \$3.3 billion to buy Bally Technologies in a deal that would combine makers of gambling equipment ranging from slot machines to instant-win lottery games. The electronic gambling machine maker said Friday that it will pay \$83.30 for each share of Bally. That amounts to a 38 percent premium to Bally's closing

price of \$60.17 on Thursday. The deal value totals \$5.1 billion counting about \$1.8 billion in Bally debt.

The companies expect the transaction to close early next year, but it still needs approval from Bally shareholders and antitrust and gambling regulators.

The boards of both companies have already approved it.

Bally Technologies Inc. was

founded during the Great Depression and started as a pinball maker.

It makes reel-spinning and video slots and casino management and accounting systems.

Scientific Games Corp. sells instant-win lottery games and sports betting technology. It said the deal also will add table products like automatic shufflers and proprietary table games to its

portfolio.

Bally CEO Richard Haddrell and Chairman David Robins are expected to join the Scientific Games board after the deal closes.

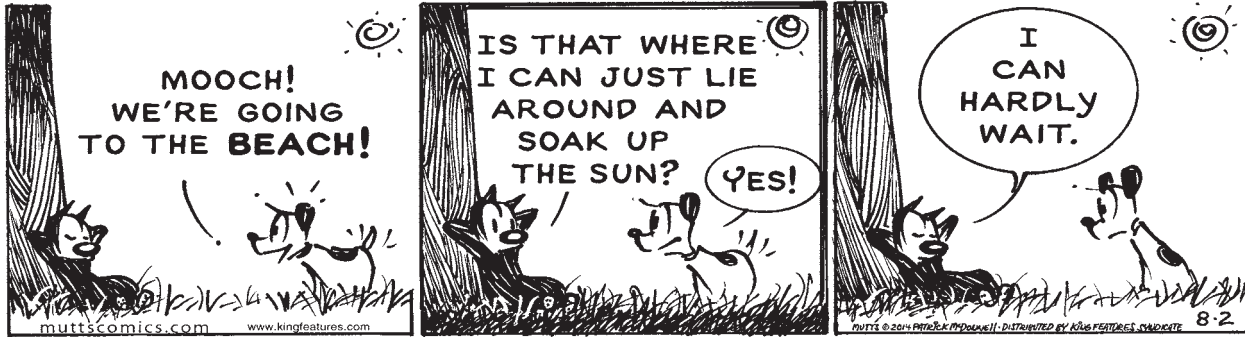
Both companies completed sizeable acquisitions last fall. Scientific Games closed a \$1.42 billion deal to buy gambling equipment company WMS Industries Inc. Las Vegas-based Bally finished its acquisition

of rival casino device company SHFL Entertainment Inc., a deal valued at \$1.3 billion including debt.

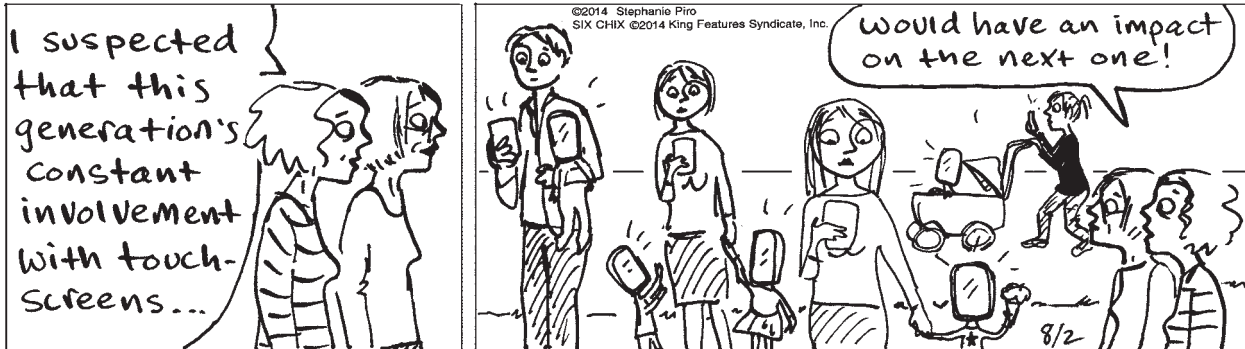
Bally shares jumped more than 29 percent, or \$17.65, to \$77.82 in morning trading Friday.

Scientific Games stock also climbed more than 9 percent, or 79 cents, to \$9.33. Meanwhile, the Standard & Poor's 500 index was nearly flat. □

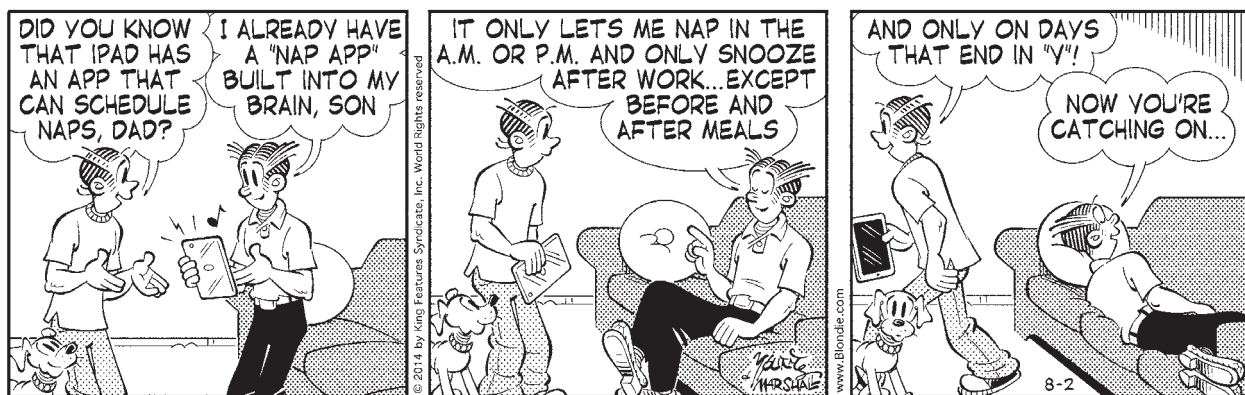
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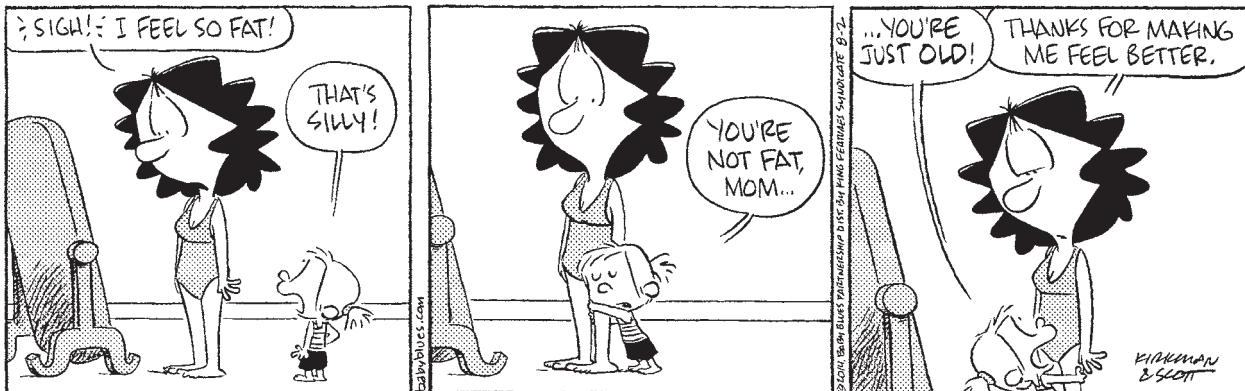
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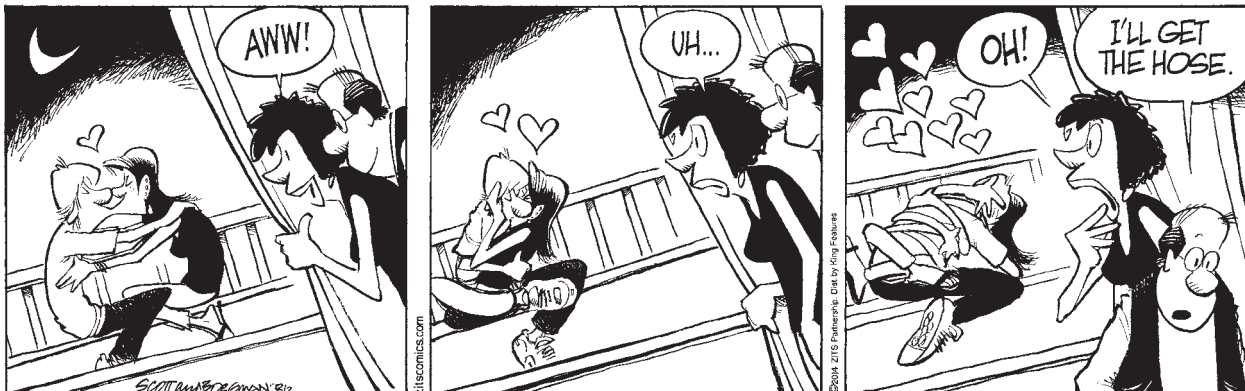
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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Up in smoke

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The most recent poll shows that only 27 percent of Uruguayans questioned approved of the law and 64 percent opposed it. Sixty-two percent said they want the law repealed. The survey by the polling firm Cifra questioned 1,001 people between July 4 and 15, and had a margin for error of 3 percentage points.

"People are against drugs and don't distinguish between them," said Adriana Raga, director of Cifra. "For a small, educated sector — very small — marijuana is something special. But for the great majority of Uruguayans, all drugs are bad and marijuana is another bad drug, the same as base (cocaine) paste." With elections nearing, politicians are paying heed to public opinion. The top opposition candidates are now supporting the repeal or modification of the law. Polls show a tight race in October congressional and presidential elections between the Broad Front and the opposition. None of the seven presidential candidates appears capable of getting enough votes to win outright in the election's first round. That would set up a runoff on the last Sunday in November between the two top vote-getters.

For the law to be out of peril, the Ruling Front has to win both the presidency and a majority in congress, which it currently barely controls.

"The data that we now have does not show this is happening," said Raga of Cifra. "There are still three months of campaigning to go, but as of today it is not our hypothesis."

Uruguay's main polling companies say that between 39 percent and 43 percent of Uruguayans intend to vote for the leftist ruling coalition, which would need almost 50 percent to keep its grip on the legislatures and assure that Uruguay's marijuana marketplace is implemented as is.

Lacalle Pou, who is second in the polls, has said he would try to repeal the articles of the law that allow for the sale of marijuana in pharmacies. Other factions in his conservative National Party want to overturn the law altogether.

Even the far-left Popular Unity coalition has said its legislators might oppose the legislation if they are elected.

"Commercialization (of marijuana) by the state is the wrong road to take," said Pablo Mieres, presidential candidate for the fourth-place Independent Party. "Decriminalization is a road that has to be taken on the international level. A country can't do it alone." □

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Study traces dinosaur evolution into early birds

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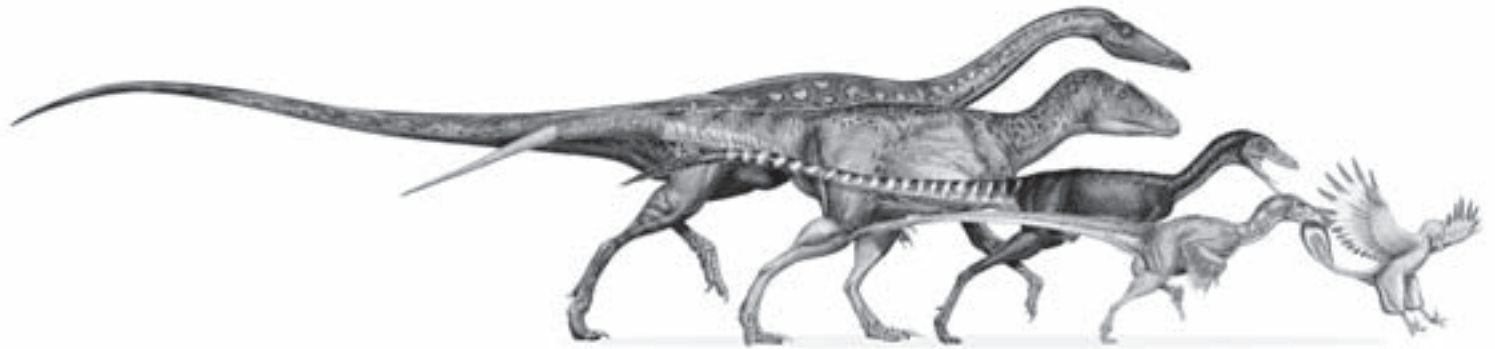
WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have mapped how a group of fearsome, massive dinosaurs evolved and shrank to the likes of robins and hummingbirds.

Comparing fossils of 120 different species and 1,500 skeletal features, especially thigh bones, researchers constructed a detailed family tree for the class of two-legged meat-eaters called theropods. That suborder of dinos survives to this day as birds, however unrecognizable and improbable it sounds.

The steady downsizing and elegant evolution of the theropods is detailed in the journal *Science* on Thursday.

"They just kept on shrinking and shrinking and shrinking for about 50 million years," said study author Michael S. Y. Lee of the University of Adelaide in Australia. He called them "shape-shifters."

Lee and colleagues created a dinosaur version of the iconic ape-to-man drawing of human evolu-



This undated artist rendering provided by the journal *Science* shows the dinosaur lineage which evolved into birds shrank in body size continuously for 50 million years.

Associated Press

tion. In this version, the lumbering large dinos shrink, getting more feathery and big-chested, until they are the earliest version of birds. For a couple decades scientists have linked birds to this family of dinosaurs because they shared hollow bones, wishbones, feathers and other characteristics. But the Lee study gives the best picture of how steady and unusual theropod evolution was.

The skeletons of theropods changed four times faster than other types of dinosaurs, the study said.

A few members of that dino family did not shrink, including *T. rex*, which is more of a

distant cousin to birds than a direct ancestor, Lee said. He said he and colleagues were surprised by just how consistently the theropods shrank over evolutionary time, while other types of dinosaurs showed ups and downs in body size.

The first theropods were large, weighing around 600 pounds (270 kilograms). They roamed about 220 million to 230 million years ago.

Then about 200 million years ago, when some of the creatures weighed about 360 pounds (165 kilograms), the shrinking became faster and more prolonged, the study said.

In just 25 million years, the beasts were slimmed down to barely 100 pounds. By 167 million years ago, 6-pound (3-kilogram) paravians, more direct ancestor of birds, were around.

And 163 million years ago the first birds, weighing less than two pounds, probably came on the scene, the study said.

Paul Sereno, a dinosaur researcher at the University of Chicago who wasn't part of this study, praised Lee's work as innovative.

The steady size reduction shows "something very strange going on," Sereno said. "This is key to what went on at the origin of

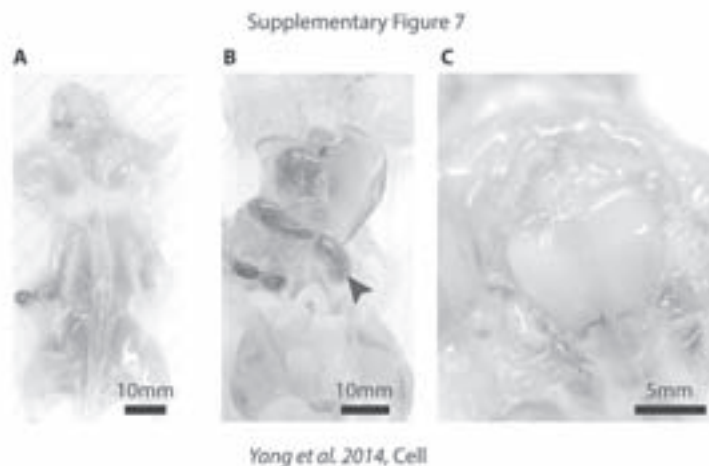
birds."

People may think bigger is better, but sometimes when it comes to evolution smaller can be better because bigger creatures are more likely to go extinct, Sereno said.

And when the theropods started shrinking there weren't many other small species that would compete with them, Lee said.

"The dinosaur ancestors of birds found a new niche and a new way of life," Lee said.

Sereno added, "When you are small, it's a totally different ball game. You can fly and glide and I think that's what drove it."



This undated photo combo provided by the journal *Cell* and taken with a bright field camera, shows a mouse with its skin removed during various stages of examination.

Associated Press

See-through mice reveal details of inner anatomy

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Researchers have found a way to make see-through mice, but you won't find these critters scampering in your kitchen.

The transparent rodents aren't alive and they're for research only, to help scientists study fine details of anatomy.

Before they are treated with chemicals, the animals are euthanized and their skin removed. Researchers made their inner organs transparent, but not their bones.

The results look like a rodent-shaped block of gelatin with the organs held in place by connective tissue and a gel used in the procedure.

Mice are mainstays of bio-

medical research because much of their basic biology is similar to ours and they can be altered in ways that simulate human diseases. Scientists have been able to make tissues transparent to some degree for a century, and in recent years several new methods have been developed. Last year, for example, a technique that produced see-through mouse brains made headlines. Such treatments reveal far more detail than X-rays or MRI exams could deliver.

The new work is the first to make an entire transparent mouse, experts said.

It should be useful for projects like mapping the details of the nervous system or the spread of cancer within lab animals, said Vivian Gradinaru of the Califor-

nia Institute of Technology, senior author of a paper describing the work. It was released Thursday by the journal *Cell*.

It might also help doctors analyze biopsy samples from people someday, she said.

The see-through technique involves pumping a series of chemicals through blood vessels, as well as other passages in the brain and spinal cord. Some chemicals form a mesh to hold tissue in place.

Others wash out the fats that make tissue block light. It takes about a week to create a transparent mouse, Gradinaru said. The researchers have also made transparent rats, which take about two weeks, she said.



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Could Helen Mirren forget how to act? She worries

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Helen Mirren lowers her voice to a whisper and her eyes take on a devious twinkle as she makes a confession: When she has a really good time making a movie, as she did on "The Hundred-Foot Journey," she fears: "Oh my God, is it going to suck?"

Never mind that the 69-year-old Dame of the British Empire who won an Oscar for playing the Queen just said a four-letter word. Mirren also said that when she takes time off work, she worries that she has forgotten how to act altogether.

Of course, her 45-year career says otherwise.

In "The Hundred-Foot Journey," Mirren plays Madame Mallory, a prickly and particular restaurateur who takes overcooked asparagus as a personal affront. Her Michelin-starred restaurant, set in a quaint village that looks like a postcard, is among the most celebrated in France, and Mallory presides unforgivingly over its staff and cuisine. Her chilly demeanor turns icy when an Indian family opens their own restaurant, the colorful Maison Mumbai, right across the street.



In this Saturday, July 12, 2014 photo, Helen Mirren, left, and Lasse Hallstrom pose for a portrait during press day for "The Hundred-Foot Journey" at The Four Seasons in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Though Mirren was ready for a break after reprising her royal role on the London stage in Peter Morgan's "The Audience," she couldn't say no to "The Hundred-Foot Journey." Not only was the leadership top-notch — Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey are producers; Lasse Hallstrom directs — the project allowed Mirren to make good on a lifelong dream. "I've always secretly wanted to be a French actress and never actually managed it," she said.

Adding to the charmed project was its picturesque setting in the south of France ("You'd think you're in an ad for France, but it's all real," Mirren said) and nightly home-made meals by co-star Om Puri, who plays the patriarch of the Indian family.

"It was one of those absolutely blessed experiences," Mirren said — the kind that make her question a film's quality. But she quashed that fear quickly: "We had Lasse, and Lasse was our se-

cret weapon."

The director said Mirren — in character and out — added to the magic on set.

"She's so smart and skilled," Hallstrom said. "She knows every aspect of filmmaking." Except how to feel comfortable between projects. Time off makes her anxious. She fears breaking her concentration and losing the momentum of the character she's meant to play.

Mirren said that when she

sees movies or theater, she feels "blown away" by other actors' work and fearful of her own ability to execute.

"And then maybe (I've) got a project coming up, and then I get really nervous because I think, 'I can't do that,'" the award-winning actress said. "Then, of course, you start and you realize, 'Oh yes, I can. This is what I do. This is my job.'"

"The Hundred-Foot Journey" opens Aug. 8. □

Batman creator's personal copies to be auctioned



This undated image provided by ComicConnect.com shows a May 1939 copy of Detective Comics, which featured one of the earliest appearances of Batman.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Batman creator Bob Kane's own copies of the Caped Crusader's earliest appearances are going up for auction.

ComicConnect is selling Kane's file copies of Detective Comics Nos. 27 through 45 and Batman Nos. 1 through 3. The auction house declined to put an estimate on their value, saying such items rarely come up for sale.

The comics come from the collection of Hollywood

screenwriter Bob Underwood. The sale also has a nearly mint copy of the first Incredible Hulk comic book. The 1962 issue is one of four copies known to exist. It could bring \$300,000. There is also a 1942 Archie comic book. Archie No. 1 marked the first time the red-headed character appeared in his own magazine. Its pre-sale estimate is \$150,000.

The five-session auction begins Monday and runs through Aug. 29. □

Robert Kennedy Jr. to marry actress Cheryl Hines

HYANNIS, Massachusetts (AP)

— Robert Kennedy Jr. and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" actress Cheryl Hines are planning to tie the knot in a wedding at the Kennedy compound in Massachusetts.

Kennedy's cousin Patrick Kennedy, a former congressman, says the wedding is planned for Saturday at Ethel Kennedy's home in Hyannis Port on Cape Cod. He says many members of the family plan to attend.

The 60-year-old Robert Kennedy is an environmental lawyer and activist who lives in New York. He is son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and nephew of President John F. Kennedy and the late Sen. Edward Kennedy. It will be his third



This March 21, 2014 file photo shows actress Cheryl Hines, right, posing with her fiancé Robert F. Kennedy Jr., at the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability's An Evening of Environmental Excellence in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

marriage.

Hines has been nominated twice for Emmys for her role playing Larry David's

wife on HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm." She also appeared in the ABC series "Suburgatory." □

Growing number of stars risk opinions on conflict

CHRIS TALBOTT
AP Music Writer

When director Jonathan Demme was approached to show support for all victims of the conflict in Gaza, he didn't hesitate to sign on. Actor Wallace Shawn is willing to put up with jeers on the street for his opinions about the violence. And Mark Ruffalo is determined to air his views about the fighting on Twitter, no matter the cost to his social media numbers. The Israel-Palestinian debate was once considered so delicate a topic, it was pretty much off-limits to celebrities. But in another sign that social media is intensifying how we wrestle with sensitive global issues, stars of all stripes are taking to the Internet to openly discuss the conflict that has killed more than 1,300 people. The result is a high-profile divide rarely seen within the predominantly liberal entertainment community. "I don't see this as being politics or statehood for Palestine or Hamas," Demme said. "I think it's about taking innocent lives and the destruction of a culture. ... I've never been ashamed



In this Oct. 3, 2013 file photo, Spanish actress Penelope Cruz poses for photographers as she arrives for the UK Premiere of "The Counselor," in London. Associated Press

of my pacifist point of view of things at any time since I became a card-carrying hippie back in the '60s." Demme is among dozens of musicians, actors, filmmakers, authors and sports figures who have chosen to speak out about the conflict. Yet some, like pop star Rihanna and Houston Rockets center Dwight Howard, had second thoughts and erased their messages of support for Palestinians soon after they were posted.

And Penelope Cruz and husband Javier Bardem quickly clarified their stand on the issue after they joined 100 Spanish signees of an open letter calling the Israeli attacks genocide. Later, more participants sought to tone down the rhetoric. Others, though, haven't backed away from their commentary. Demme, Shawn, Chuck D and dozens more, including Nobel Peace Prize winners, participated in a Jewish Voice

For Peace video in which each held up a sign with the name and age of a conflict casualty. The video attracted 100,000 views in two days on the Web. Shawn, who is Jewish, narrates the video and said he's been criticized on the street in New York because of it. He said he understands the Jewish community's need for Israel to exist, but he would like to persuade those stars who support Israel's actions — including such notables as Scarlett Johansson, Joan Rivers, Howard Stern and Bill Maher — that violence is unnecessary. "We're involved as American taxpayers, so, you know, I'm involved," Shawn

"If I were a publicist advising Hollywood celebrities, if your conscience absolutely compels you to speak out, then do it," Clark said. "But there are serious risks and people have been trying to figure out this situation for millennia and your voice or support one way or another may not be helpful to the overall debate." In some ways it may be harmful, said Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder and dean at the pro-Israel Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. Hier, who has close ties to the Hollywood community, sees celebrities misinterpreting events and journalists ignoring history when describing the cur-



In this Aug. 30, 2012 file photo, film director Jonathan Demme, left, poses for a portrait at the 69th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy; and in this June 10, 2010 file photo, actor Wallace Shawn, right, arrives at the AFI Lifetime Achievement Awards honoring Mike Nichols, presented by TV Land at Sony Pictures Studios, in Culver City, Calif. Associated Press

Manny Roth, founder of Café Wha?, dead at 94

HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

Manny Roth, a colorful club owner in Greenwich Village whose Cafe Wha? and its basement level stage was a rite of passage in the 1960s for Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Bruce Springsteen and many others, has died. He was 94.

Roth, the uncle of Van Halen singer David Lee Roth, died July 25 at age 94. His daughter, Jodi Roth, said Friday that he died of natural causes at his home in Ojai, California.

As boisterous as his loud-mouthed nephew, Roth was a good man to know during a special place and time — when Green-

wich Village was a mecca for upcoming artists and bohemians, where on a given night, you might see Woody Allen doing standup, or take in performances by Peter, Paul and Mary and such future rock 'n' rollers as Dylan and David Crosby.

Founded in the late 1950s, The Cafe Wha? was a former stable that Roth personally helped renovate, laying down the new floor and bringing in some friends to help decorate. The look was such a mish-mash that Roth named the club Cafe Wha?.

It was a true starter club, with low pay, no liquor and little space. But Roth's stage was an essential first stop for young perform-

ers looking for a chance, or even a place to stay. Dylan showed up in early 1961, not yet 20 years old and fresh from his native Minnesota.

"He was just a kid," Roth later recalled, noting how he announced from the stage that Dylan needed a room for the night. "The first time I heard Dylan get up on an open mic, I'm thinking to myself, 'This kid doesn't have a prayer. He can't sing, can't play and certainly doesn't have any stage presence.'"

In his memoir "Chronicles: Volume One," Dylan remembered Cafe Wha? as "a subterranean cavern, liquorless, ill lit, low ceiling, like a wide dining room with chairs and tables." □

said in an interview. "I'm actually paying for these cruel assaults on innocent civilians. So I am balancing out my own crimes to some very small extent by lending my voice and my face to a video protesting what I myself am doing."

Celebrities airing views on social or political issues is nothing new, said "Reinventing Yourself" author and former presidential campaign spokeswoman Dorie Clark. "But there are some issues that are far more controversial than others."

Wiping out hunger or eradicating disease are issues most people, including celebrities, can get behind, she noted. But Israel is a topic that's very personal to many people, and one that almost always causes friction — and in the case of the current Mideast clash, an unusually sharp difference of opinion among entertainers.

rent conflict. He believes comments like those first issued by the 100 Spanish luminaries are irresponsible. Hier believes some condemning Israel are doing it to gain fans in a climate of growing anti-Semitism in Europe.

"I think they think they're going to be more popular," Hier said. "Look around the world. I'm not talking about the United States; in the United States polls show two to one that people understand how the war started and they back Israel. But it's not so around the world." □

Night at the Opera?



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Peter Gelb still recalls the sting. "In second grade, my report card said I couldn't take criticism, and I remember being devastated by that," he said. So it's easy to believe the 60-year-old general manager of the Metropolitan Opera when he says that this is the most stressful week of his life, with his career and the Met's future "at stake." Hurling toward a lockout, Gelb sees a fresh vitriolic insult from a union negotiator every time he checks the news on his phone. And with the planned production of John Adams' "The Death of Klinghoffer," Gelb is also attracting protesters and even some death threats.

"They come by email - the convenient modern delivery system for death threats," he said, taking a break from marathon negotiations to have a pork chop dinner at a Lincoln Center restaurant. Gelb refused to cancel the production. But after speaking with Jewish leaders, including Abraham Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League, who hasn't seen the opera but worried it could fuel anti-Semitism abroad, he called off the Live in HD broadcast.

"I had no idea four years ago when I set this up that it would suddenly be juxtaposed with the events in the Middle East," he said, denying that he unsolomonically split the baby of artistic freedom. "I think what I did was protect the baby." I never expected to get any closer to the Met than reading about opera in Edith Wharton's Belle Epoch, club boxes filled with "these chosen specimens of old New York gentility."

But Gelb's late father, Arthur, was my editor and mentor at The New York Times. And when Peter threw open the doors to the musty, fusty institution - "an isolated island, disconnected from the mainland," he called it - trying to lure younger patrons and beam the hugely successful Live in HD productions around the world, I ventured into the Met and was instantly enchanted. So it makes me sad, seeing the magical Met family tear itself apart.

Gelb, a Yale dropout who worked as a teenage usher

at the Met and an office boy for the impresario Sol Hurok, comes across as smooth, tailored and cerebral. But he admits he's made mistakes and tried to develop a tougher skin. Now, he says, he tries to figure out if he's hurt and right, or hurt and wrong. "You know, I'm a neurotic Jew," he said. "I'm constantly thinking did I screw this thing up or what could I have done differently or better."

Criticized by Met workers for having too many productions, he cut back for the last season and for the next from seven to six. He has also toned down the hype.

"They're surrounded by too much gold leaf," Gelb says of the 15 unions - from wigs and makeup to a union consisting of one house painter. "It's delusional. Economically, they've been calling the shots for decades. And I have to break that up for the Met to survive. We have to go big, but do it in a way that's economically small. Even in the Met, you can see the gold leaf's chipping off the ceiling."

Doubtless, the Met workers have Nibelungen fatigue. The two central symbols of their argument that Gelb is a spendthrift are the 45-ton machine of movable planks in a \$19 million "Ring" production (a million had to be spent simply reinforcing the stage) and the \$169,000 poppy field in "Prince Igor."

"We're being told that our livelihoods and our lives are not as important as the machine and the poppies," said Jessica Phillips Rieseke, a clarinetist and negotiator for the orchestra union who objects to Gelb presenting himself as the savior of "a dinosaur" art form. "We're saying, let's all trim our belts."

Gelb says he regrets that the "Ring" machine was "creaky" but isn't sorry about "pushing the envelope," and he says he was "naïve about underestimating the risk of replacing Zeffirelli's 'Tosca.'"

Anthony Tommasini, The Times' chief classical music critic, says there have been mistakes on both sides.

"The union heads have made Gelb seem so incompetent, even artistically, that if the talks are resolved, then what is the public to think? 'Great, another season courtesy of that know-nothing,'" he said. "Gelb has made some bad calls, especially by giving us Robert Lepage's 'Ring,' which is a show about a set. But he has had some milestone productions as well, most recently the new 'Falstaff' and the revelatory 'Prince Igor.' The union heads have to stop complaining about silk poppy fields. That's not the cause of the Met's budget woes."

As the clock ticks down, I'm rooting for Valhalla, not Götterdämmerung. □



In American, an Age of Identity



CHARLES M. BLOW
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"Hair is political."

That was the line that stuck with me when my 17-year-old daughter recently regaled me with the minutiae of a light-hearted argument she'd had with a friend. It was about my daughter's staunch resistance to straightening or altering her hair in any way.

The friend had insisted that such alterations were no big deal, to which my daughter took umbrage and shot back, "Hair is political."

In my daughter's view, such alterations were a sign of suppressive concepts of worth and beauty of which she would have no part. Presenting herself as nature made her was an act of self-loving defiance that demanded not her alteration but the alteration of others' attitudes about how we expect people to bend in order to belong, about how many destructive subliminal messages we've all absorbed and how we must search ourselves for the truth of our own prejudices.

It reminded me of the profound commentary on the subject by actress Tracie Thoms in Chris Rock's 2009 documentary "Good Hair": "To keep my hair the same texture as it grows out of my head is looked at as revolutionary. Why is that?"

But to me, my daughter's message was bigger than her, or hair, or a debate between teenagers. It was a life lesson

that we all have to learn, over and over: Self-acceptance, of all stripes, large and small, is always an inherently political and profoundly revolutionary act.

We are so suffused in a mix of misogyny, patriarchy, racism, sexism, homophobia and hetero-normative exclusionary idealism that we can easily lose sight of the singular acts of ordinary bravery that each of us displays every time we choose not to play along.

Life is an endless negotiation with ourselves and with the world about who we are - the truest truth of who we are - and whether we have the mettle to simply be us, all of us, as we are, backlash notwithstanding.

And every time we answer "yes" to the question of courage, we stand an inch taller and we rise closer to the light. In fact, Michaela Angela Davis, a self-described "image activist," calls this the "Age of Identity and Intersections."

It is a time when more people are asserting themselves as nonconformists as they recognize that there is a variety of intersections to subjugation. It's a twist on the idea of diversity: not simply honoring a variety of origins as positive, but uniting under a banner that reminds us that the diminution of the very concept of variance has been a historical tool of psychic violence against those deemed "different."

It is about developing kinship and alliance among the historically alienated.

It is about understanding that open hatred of - or even subtle, sometimes subconscious devaluing of - women, minorities (racial, ethnic, religious or otherwise) and people who don't hew to sexual or gender norms are not discrete dysfunctions, but are of a kind, a cousin of flawed consciousness.

And when that is understood, the fight against them all becomes more focused. You stop hacking at the branches and start digging at the root. Sometimes, when we are con-

fronted by another overt act of intolerance in the news - another racial epithet, a further effort to erode women's access to a full range of reproductive options, one more state attempting to hold on to its bans against marriage equality, another manifestation of rape culture - it can seem that we are going backward in this fight rather than forward.

But I don't think so. I think that, as the saying goes, it's darkest before the dawn, that these cases stand out not necessarily because they are growing, but because they are so at odds with this country's moral trajectory. (Although, it must be said that there are increasing efforts, particularly in Republican-controlled states, to restrict women's health care.) Young people in America are growing up in a country that is quickly becoming brown, where women outnumber men in colleges, where acknowledgment of sexual identity is increasingly met with shrugs.

This doesn't mean that they are immune to bias, but it does give hope that bias will diminish as difference becomes more mainstream, historical privileges become more identified and gender roles become less rigid.

That is why I greet with overwhelming optimism the continuous stream of people who refuse to conform and who insist on acknowledgment of their own identities, as they are, in all of their inherent glories and by way of their "revolutionary acts."

As e.e. cummings once put it: "To be nobody-but-yourself - in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else - means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting." And when we understand that that struggle against conformity and control is a shared, unifying experience, the accomplishment is made a little bit easier - and a whole lot sweeter.

Truth is political. □

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